



TRAILS 101

“A refresher course”

The Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program, also known as Rivers & Trails or RTCA, works with community groups and local and State governments to conserve rivers, preserve open space, and develop trails and greenways.

Why trails?

For...

recreation

fun, health,

young, old –



everyone can use a trail!

TRAILS ACROSS AMERICA

**Trails
create
bridges**

**...that link
people to
communities,
health and
economic
growth.**



**Project: Gateway State Trail
Location: Washington County, MN**

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**Trails are
for group
and
community
events...**



**Project: Little Traverse Wheelway
Location: Charlevoix, Petoskey,
and Harbor Springs, MI**

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**or they are
for solitary
moments.**



**Project: Cardinal Greenways
Location: Muncie, IN**

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Trails are
for Moms
staying
healthy
AND
tiring
kids
out...



Project: Mill Creek Metro Parks Bikeway
Location: Mahoning County, OH

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**As well as
for people
with their
loyal
companions.**



**Project: Cattail Trail
Location: West Lafayette, IN**

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**Trails
improve
health...**



**Project: Monon Trail
Location: Carmel, IN**

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**and
safety.**



**Project: Monon Trail
Location: Carmel, IN**

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**Trails
provide a
place to sit
and
re-create...**



**Project: Downtown Des Moines Riverwalk
Location: Des Moines, Iowa**

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**And a
place to
celebrate.**



**Project: Betsie Valley Trail
Location: Frankfort, Elberta, Thompsonville,
and Beulah, MI**

AND TRAILS CONNECT

Recreation



Cultural/History



Environment



AND PROVIDE MANY BENEFITS TO

Health

**Economic
Development**

Transportation



TRAILS and the CALUMET SUMMIT



Starting with the Calumet-Sag Trail

(And what this trail will do for
THE CALUMET REGION)

CALUMET-SAG TRAIL STATUS



**A 30± Mile Multi-purpose Trail
Lemont to Burnham
Lead by the Calumet-Sag Trail Coalition,
supported by
Friends of the Calumet-Sag Trail**

CALUMET-SAG TRAIL STATUS



Linking *People to Places*
throughout the region
along the
Calumet-Sag Corridor

CALUMET-SAG TRAIL STATUS



Signed Interagency Agreements for the Engineering of the East end of the trail:

FPD of Cook County
City of Blue Island
Dolton Park District
Village of Burnham

Alsip Park District
Village of Riverdale
City of Calumet City

CALUMET-SAG TRAIL STATUS



Funding - East Interagency Agreement

Phase 1 Engineering

CMAQ Approved \$ 680,000

Phase 2 Engineering

CMAQ Approved \$ 550,000

CALUMET-SAG TRAIL STATUS



Signed Interagency Agreements for the Engineering of the West end of the trail:

FPD of Cook County
City of Palos Heights

Palos Park
Alsip Park District

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Funding West Interagency Agreements

Phase One Engineering

ITEP Enhancements: \$340,000

Phase Two Engineering

CMAQ: \$360,000

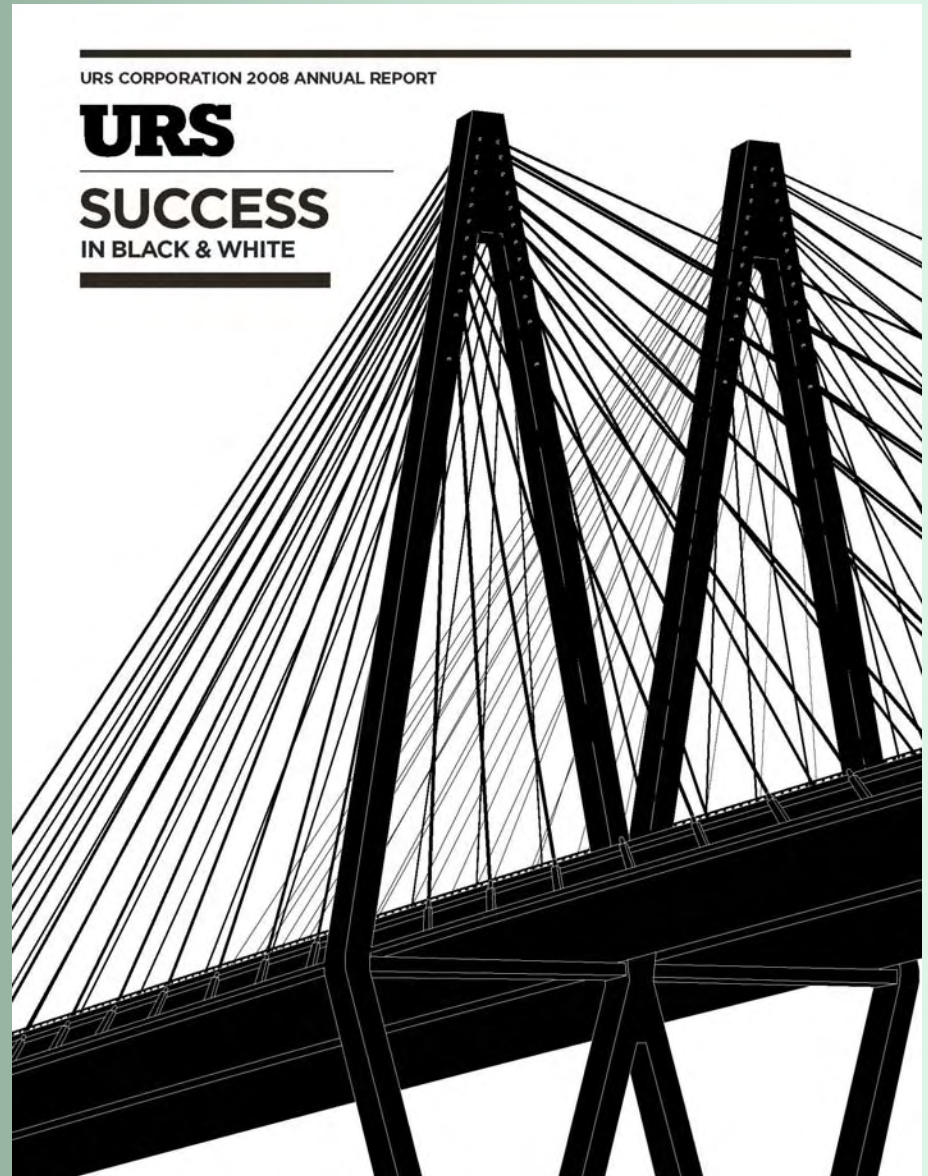
CALUMET-SAG TRAIL STATUS

**Approved
Funding:**

**Senator Durbin
FY2008 TCSP**

**Allocation:
\$261,749**

**RFP for Master Plan
and Design of
Public Open Space
and Wayfinding**



Calumet-Sag Trail and Regional Significance



Calumet-Sag Trail

It's about Connections...

Calumet-Sag Trail and Regional Significance



**To our past...
From Archaeological sites
to Indian trails,**

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**From Farmers and
Lumbermen,
(1830's – 1850's)**

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**Who built a truck farming
economy through late
19th Century,**

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**To local land owners providing a
safe haven to escaping slaves
Like Jan Ton**

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and an area once known as a sportsman's paradise.

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1880-1918 brought lumberyards and mills, ice houses, brickyards, a steel mill, sugar refinery, canneries and distilleries...

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**with a rich diversity of laborers:
Swedish, Russian, Irish, French,
British and French Canadian**

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**who supported the
emergence of the steel
industry and refineries.**

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The railways, waterways and roads were built that moved the goods

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**Along a river made into a
commerce corridor...**

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to Today.

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A Corridor linking...



Illinois & Michigan Canal



National Heritage Corridor
Illinois

the Illinois & Michigan Canal..



Indiana Dunes

National Lakeshore
Indiana



to Indiana Dunes NL,

Calumet-Sag Trail Regional Trail Connections



Connecting to regional trails systems: in Lemont on the Centennial Trail

Calumet-Sag Trail Regional Trail Connections



**to the Grand Calumet Trail
under development
within the Marquette Plan.**

Calumet-Sag Trail Regional Trail Connections

The Burnham Greenway Gap



The completion of the two-mile gap in the Burnham Greenway creates a key trail juncture serving *five regional trails* and closes a challenging gap in the 500 mile *Grand Illinois Trail*.

The Calumet-Sag Trail will also connect to the Pennsy Greenway through the Burnham Greenway.

Calumet-Sag Trail Regional Trail Connections

The trail will bring riders to Chicago when linked to the Last Four Miles of the Lakefront Trail.



Completing the South Lakefront Parks: The Last Four Miles
SOUTH LAKEFRONT: PROPOSED PLAN

Calumet-Sag Trail Connects

Recreation



Cultural/History



But how about the
Environment?



Calumet-Sag Trail - Green?

A Featured 2009 Burnham Centennial Green Legacy Project

Burnham Centennial Proposed Legacy Projects

- Lake Michigan Shoreline Project
- Key Open Space Areas
- Trail/Greenway Project
- Select Trail Routes (Existing)
- - - Select Trail Routes (Proposed)



Calumet-Sag Trail Event



**Building Partnerships and Support
Ceremonial Trail Dedication
June 6, 2009
National Trails Day**

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Representatives from local communities, government, schools, recreation groups, youth, business and friends

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A sign: “This site dedicated on June 6... as part of the Calumet-Sag Trail”

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**A commemoration of our
Past, the Present and to our
Future within this corridor**

Calumet-Sag Trail Jamboree

Happy Trails
Jamboree

OCTOBER 2, 2009

Lake Katherine, Palos Heights



Celebration, FUNdraiser

Calumet-Sag Trail Jamboree

October 1, 2010 Happy Trails Jamboree



Calumet-Sag Trail Future Connections



*Naperville is not just a place.
It's a corner of creation graced with
charm and beauty no matter the
weather or season.*

*When asked for reasons
why I feel the way I do,
I simply say,
"Come and stroll the
Riverwalk with me!"
--by Greg Asimakoupoulos*

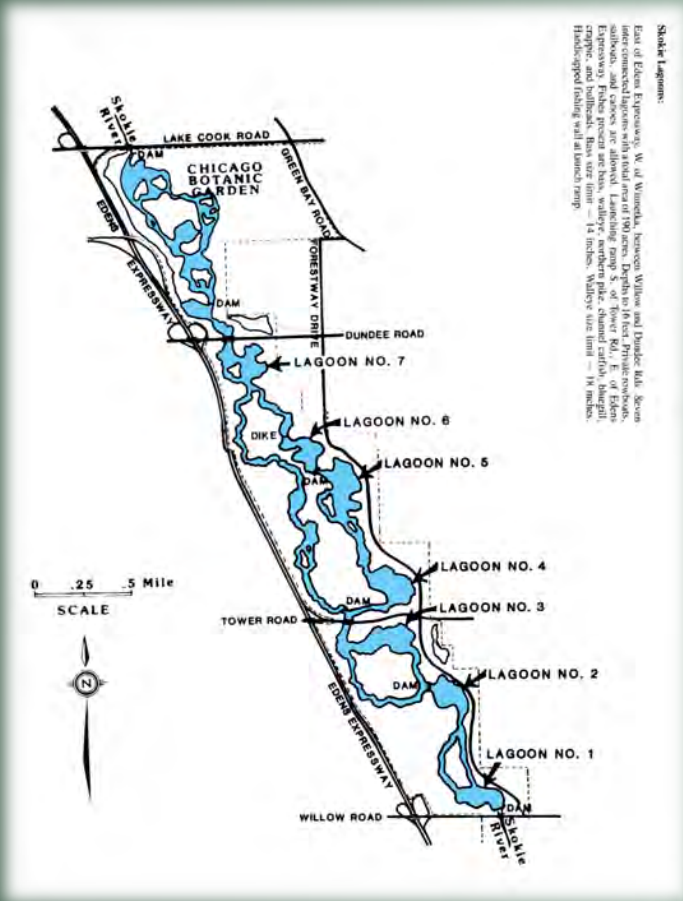
**Green Infrastructure - this linear park
provides an opportunity for
ecological restoration**

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It has been said “Quality of life within the region relies on a growing trail network.” How can this be true? Aren’t economic development, jobs, education and a good highway transportation system more likely indicators?

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What additional health and recreation opportunities should residents have?

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**The development of trails
(Connecting Places to Places)
can provide this quality of life.**

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These linear parks strengthen local economies, restore and protect natural and historical legacies and improve people's lives – a triple bottom line of advantages for the Calumet region.

Calumet-Sag Trail



Its rich connectivity to towns and resources will make the Calumet-Sag Corridor a viable and popular east-west non-motorized connection for more than 200,000 residents living within two miles of the trail.

It serves seven village downtowns and their residents by linking schools, employers, and merchants directly thus encouraging healthy lifestyles and locally based economic development.

Calumet-Sag Trail



The development of a green corridor which preserves and creates open space gives a direct connection to 14 suburban communities with four county forest preserves and additional natural areas, to train stations along six suburban commuter rail lines, two colleges, and 400 miles of additional recreational trails.

The Trail will help preserve and enhance the historical treasures of the Calumet-Sag and its communities while strengthening regional identity and pride.

Calumet-Sag Trail Future Connections



What can you do?

- Stay Tuned – <http://calsagtrail.org>
- Become a Friends or Coalition member,
- Advocate for regional trail systems by partnering/linking other trail projects

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We need you to support the Calumet-Sag Trail

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Make the Connection!



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