



DUPAGE
COUNTY
TRAILS
PLAN

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE UPDATE
2021 ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY

January 18, 2022

PROJECT OVERVIEW



ENGAGEMENT OVERVIEW

GOAL

- Gather public input on trail usage, trail character, barriers, wayfinding, volunteerism, marketing, and other topics to inform development of trail standards and policies

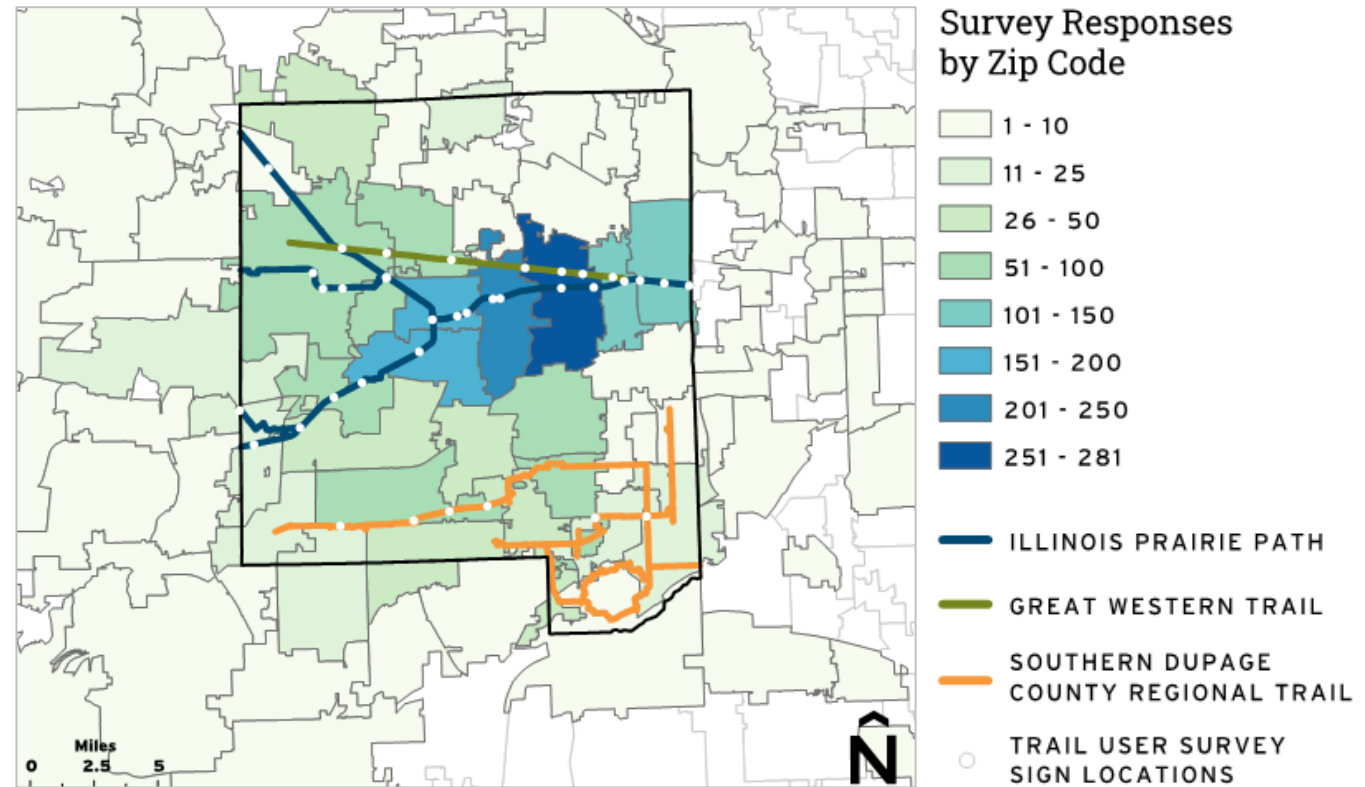
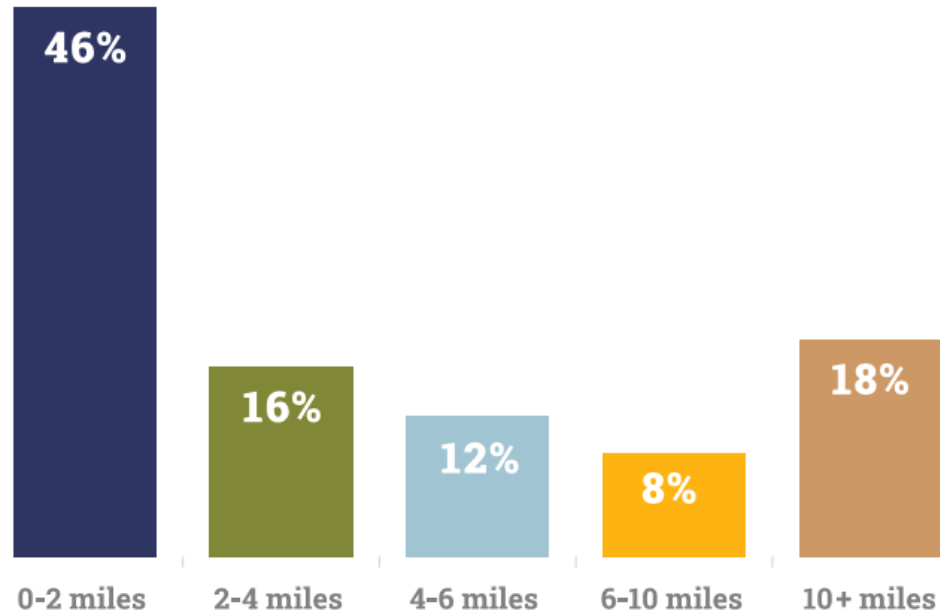
METHODOLOGY

- Online survey accessed through the DuPage County Trails Plan website (www.dupagetrailsplan.com)
- Live for 5 weeks from October 4 - November 9, 2021
- Advertising strategies:
 - 36 yard signs on the trail system
 - DuPage County communications
 - Distribution to community partners

SURVEY RESPONDENTS

TOTAL RESPONSES: 2,323

HOW FAR DO YOU TRAVEL TO ACCESS DUPAGE COUNTY TRAILS?

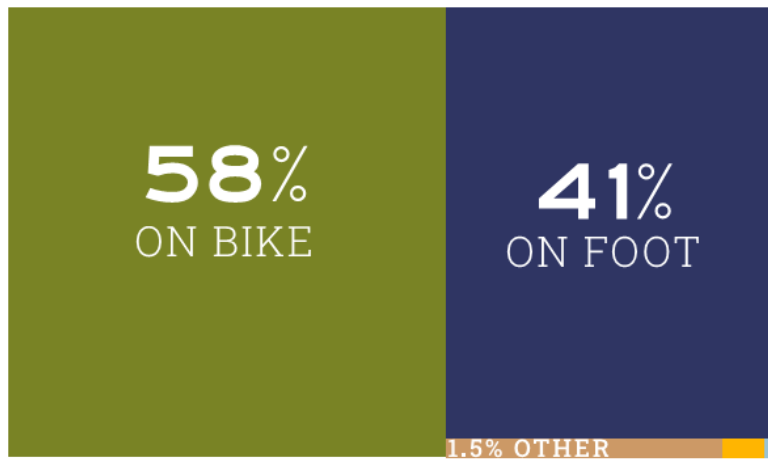


TRAIL USE AND PURPOSE

USAGE BY TRAIL

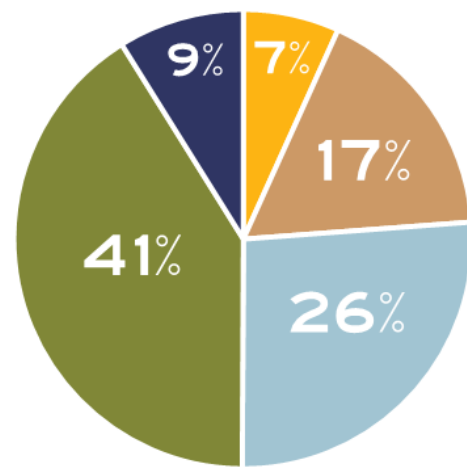
- Illinois Prairie Path: 2,013 reported users
- Great Western Trail: 1,527 reported users
- Southern DuPage Regional Trail: 654 reported users

HOW DO YOU TYPICALLY USE DUPAGE COUNTY TRAILS?



■ SCOOTER/MICROMOBILITY
■ PERSONAL CONVEYANCE/MOBILITY DEVICE

HOW OFTEN DO YOU VISIT THE TRAIL SYSTEM?



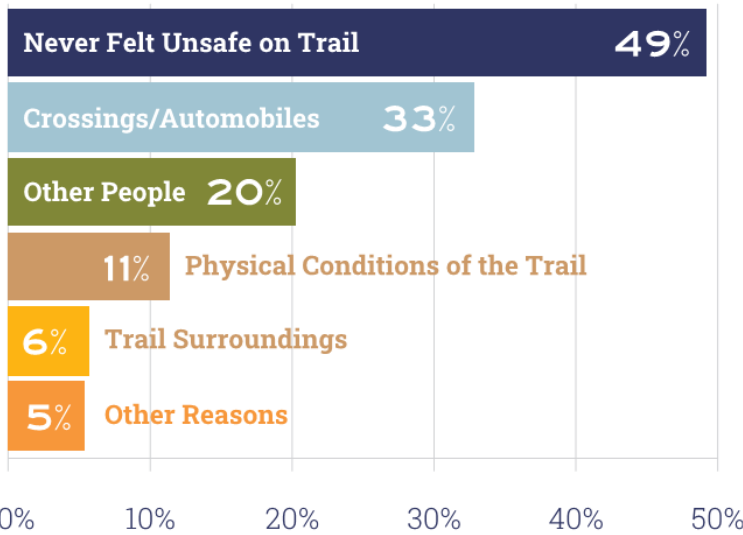
EVERY DAY
MULTIPLE TIMES A WEEK, BUT NOT DAILY
ABOUT ONCE A WEEK
ABOUT ONCE A MONTH
LESS THAN ONCE A MONTH

WHY DO YOU USE THE TRAIL?
SELECT ALL THAT APPLY

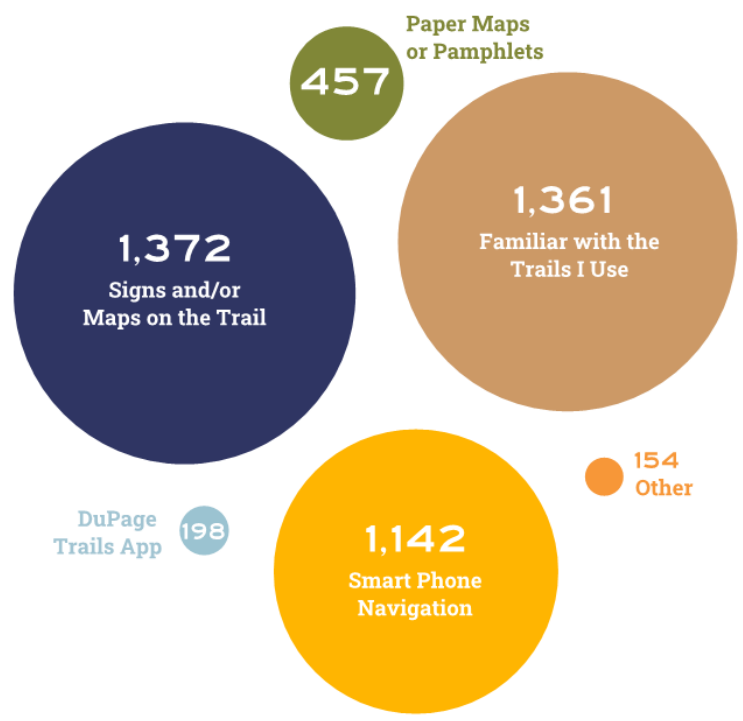


TRAIL USER EXPERIENCE

HAVE YOU EVER FELT UNSAFE ON THE TRAIL SYSTEM? CHECK THE CONDITIONS THAT MADE YOU FEEL UNSAFE.



HOW DO YOU KNOW WHERE TO GO ON THE TRAILS SYSTEM? WHAT DO YOU USE TO NAVIGATE THE TRAILS?



VOLUNTEERISM & MARKETING

- 16%** HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN A TRAIL CLEANUP
- 21%** HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN A CLUB ACTIVITY
- 12%** HAVE SEEN THE TRAILS ADVERTISED LOCALLY

DESTINATIONS AND CHARACTER

WHERE DO YOU WISH YOU COULD GO ON THE TRAIL SYSTEM?

DESTINATION	COUNT
Morton Arboretum	151
More Connections, County-wide	62
North and South	55
East Branch DuPage River Trail (EBDRT)	49

PLEASE RANK THE BELOW TRAIL SETTINGS BY PREFERENCE.

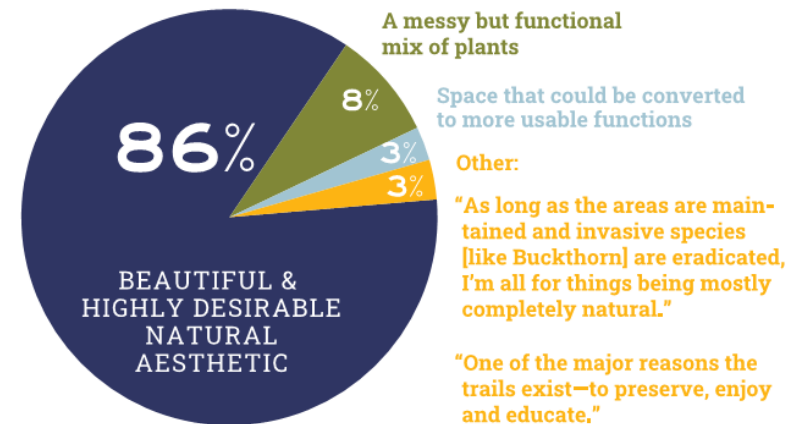
- 1 WOODED/SHADED
- 2 RIVER CORRIDOR
- 3 PRAIRIE/TALLGRASSS
- 4 OPEN NATURAL/PARKLAND
- 5 DOWNTOWN CORRIDOR

"It's nice to experience the variety, from the openness of the prairies to the coolness and windbreaks that the wooded areas provide."

WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING DO YOU VALUE THE MOST WHEN IT COMES TO PLANTS AND TREES ALONG THE TRAIL?



DO YOU CONSIDER NATIVE PLANTS AND PRAIRIE GRASS AREAS TO BE:



NEXT STEPS

PROJECT PHASES AND MILESTONES

- February/March: Project stakeholder engagement
- March: Complete Standards Development phase
- March-September: Innovative Uses and Fiscal Impacts phases
- Summer 2022: Launch Trail User Survey #2
- Late 2022: Draft Plan
- March 2023: Final Plan