

A paved path leads to a wooden bridge with metal trusses, surrounded by lush green trees. The bridge has yellow and black striped safety markers on its ends. The path is flanked by green grass and foliage.

Wayfinding

Fox Valley Sustainability Network 12/7/2016

KDOT Sustainability

- Energy Efficient Lighting
- Keep Fleet in Good Standing
- Transportation Improvements
- Pavement Preservation Program
- Reduced application of Salt
- Intelligent Transportation Systems
- Native Landscaping/BMPs
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KDOT Bike/Ped Planning

- Complete Streets Policy
- Participate in Regional Bike/Ped Planning Initiatives
 - Signage
 - Bike Racks
 - Coordinate with CMAP (Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning)
 - KKCOM (Kane Kendall Council of Mayors) Bike/Ped Committee
 - Kane/Northern Kendall County Bike Map & Planning Map
- Assist Local Agencies in Kane & Kendall Counties
 - Bicycle & Pedestrian Planning
 - Technical Assistance
 - Grant Seeking/Review
 - Programming Federal Dollars & IDOT/Federal Coordination
- Recent Major KDOT Bike/Ped Initiatives
 - Trail Crossing Improvements
 - Bus Shelters along Randall Road
 - South Street Tunnel
 - Bike Paths along Anderson Rd, Stearns Rd and Longmeadow Pkwy
 - Countywide ADA improvements

Is there a need for Good Signage?

- Nearly half of trail users surveyed on all six trails rated wayfinding signs directing them to local amenities (such as restaurants, bathrooms, shops, attractions) as “Fair” to “Very Poor.”

Question 20. In your opinion, how well do trail signs direct you to nearby amenities and destinations?

- Restaurant access needed
- Not so good for Fox River south of IL
- First time on trail. I don't know yet
- Not at all
- Designate distance to restrooms
- Need to connect Eldorado to Equality back around
- Don't understand signs
- More signs for food or drink
- I haven't seen any, but I am glad there is no sign & it is more natural
- Destinations yes, amenities no

Question 19. In your opinion, how well is the trail's route identified or marked?

- Most have washed out and disappeared
- With one exception—at new Poag road and old Poag road there is no sign, coming off Dwight Morris trail there is no signage
- Needs signs that show towns
- Overpasses need ID
- Well from the Prisco Center, Poorly/Very Poorly from Oswego North
- Marking from Oswego spotty to downtown Aurora
- Move mile markers
- I wish there were markers for ½ mile and 1 mile increments
- Could be better

Fox River Trail Signage Program

- Created in 2003 by KDOT, FPDKC & KKCOM
- Specified
 - Types of signs to be placed along Fox River Trail
 - Regulatory
 - Cautionary
 - Informational
 - Where signs should be placed
- KDOT purchased signs and posts and Local Agencies were in charge of installation

Fox River Trail Signage Program

Kane/Kendall County
From McHenry County Line to Oswego
Way-finding & Cautionary and Regulatory Sign Program

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Kane County Council of Mayors
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Need to Update???

Fox River Trail Sign Posts (and Connecting Trails)

611 Sign Posts

- 186 Posts with 1 Sign
 - 238 Posts with 2 Signs
 - 85 Posts with 3 Signs
 - 61 Posts with 4 Signs
 - 6 Posts with 5 Signs
 - 1 Post with 6 Signs
- = 1,197 Individual Signs**

Road Crossings

96 Sign Posts

- 53 Posts with 1 Sign
 - 41 Posts with 2 Signs
 - 2 Posts with 3 Signs
- = 141 Individual Signs**



Need to Update???

- 32 Mile Markers in Field (Should be 43)
 - Largest Distance Between Mile Markers: 1.11 Miles
 - Shortest Distance Between Mile Markers: 0.83 Miles
 - Maximum Distance Off: -0.52 Miles
 - Average Mile Is Short -0.18 Miles
- Comparison to Original Plan
 - 308 of the original signs could be evaluated
 - 133 still implemented
 - 149 not implemented or were removed
 - 26 variations implemented



Outreach

- 2 Steering Committee Events
 - Mapping Activity
 - Questionnaires
 - Signage Preference Survey
- Other Stakeholder Group Outreach
 - Bike Shops
 - Downtown Groups
 - Bike/Running Clubs
- One-on-one Meetings



Recommendations

- Nearly Complete Recommendations Include:
 - 19 Participating Local Agencies
 - ~870 Signs should remain in place
 - ~220 Signs should be removed
 - ~257 Signs should be moved to a different location
 - Signs & Posts
 - ~1,082 Signs should be installed
 - Includes
 - Missing Regulatory Signs
 - New Wayfinding Signs
 - Additional Cautionary Signage
 - Local agencies are encouraged to continue to install signs along and around Fox River Trail



Next Steps

- Finalize Recommendations
- KDOT will purchase signs for participating agencies with 50% Local Match
- Get Letters of Understanding Approved for each participating Local Agency to:
 - Agree with Plan Updates
 - Agree with Plan Updates and will create/purchase own signs
 - Agree with Plan Update and will participate in large sign order
- Start implementing Signs in 2017
- Continue to support Local Agencies that want to expand on plan



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