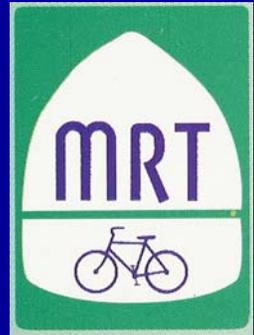


Mississippi River Trail

...2006 String
of Pearls



Mississippi River Trail, Inc.

- A 10-state nonprofit advocacy group with a 17-member board of directors
- Provide support for route development projects:
 - Shares information among partners
 - Seeks applicable funding programs
- Market, promote, interpret and foster trail-related conservation, economic development, and quality of life projects
- www.mississippirivertrail.org

MRT, Inc. Works

With . . .

- Cyclists by providing something along the way for all rider levels
- Community development groups
- Tourism promotion groups
- Departments of Transportation, Natural Resources, and Tourism
- Local governments and staffs

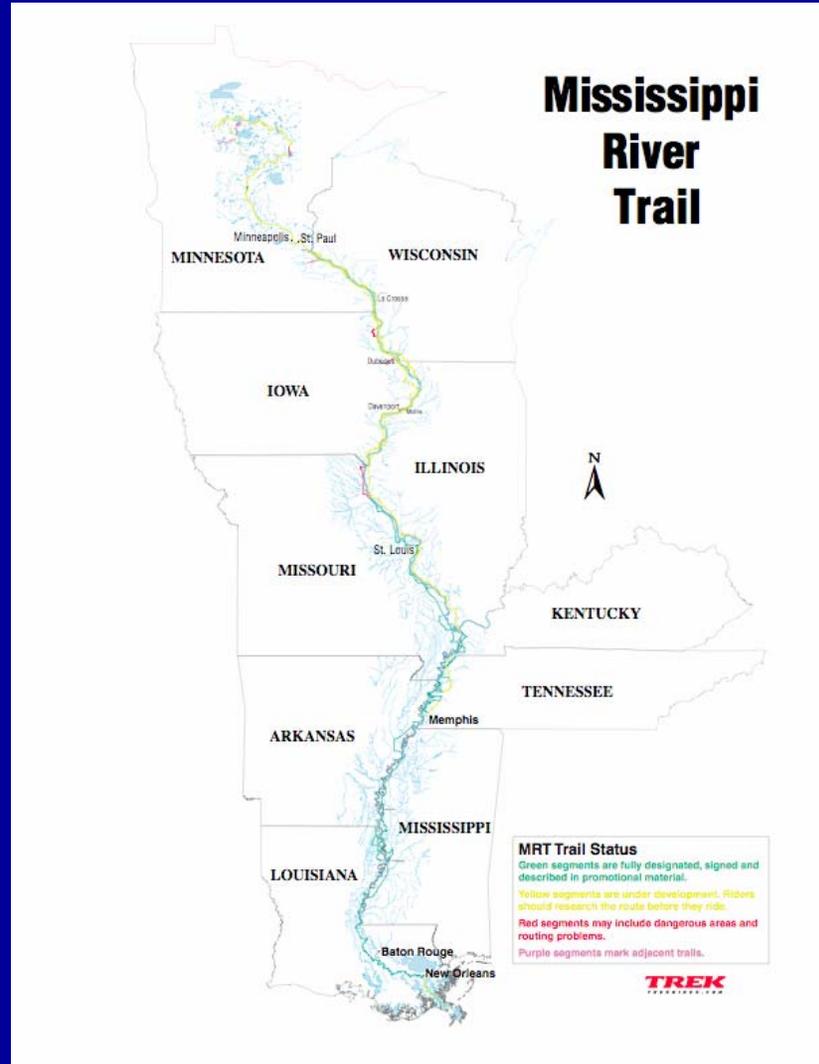
How?

- By leading a 3,100 mile project made up of hundreds of local projects.
- By creating a route that is safe, scenic, and as close to the river as feasible.
- By sharing our vision with others.
- By implementing and facilitating projects at the state and local level.
- By respecting each state and community's distinct culture.

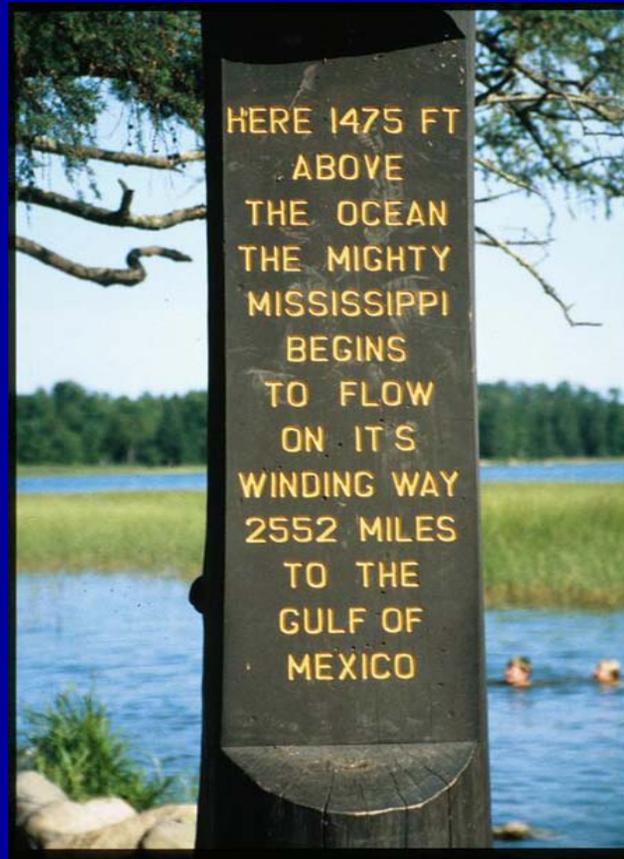
New Projects & Programs

- Southern Route Re-Evaluation
- String of Pearls
- Membership Program Launch
- Updated website with more maps and information
- Quarterly Electronic Newsletter

Tour the MRT



Headwaters, Lake Itasca, MN



Stone Arch Bridge Trail Minneapolis, MN



Along Lake Pepin, Minnesota



Blufflands, Wisconsin



Great River Trail near La Crosse, WI



Iowa Blufflands



Iowa Farm Country



River Way Water Taxi Davenport, IA



Ben Butterworth Parkway Moline, IL



Levee Trail, Fulton, IL



River Way, Rock Island, IL



North Riverfront Trail St. Louis



Share the road with scenic byways Missouri



Old Chain of Rocks Bridge, St. Louis, MO



Ferry landing, Hickman, KY



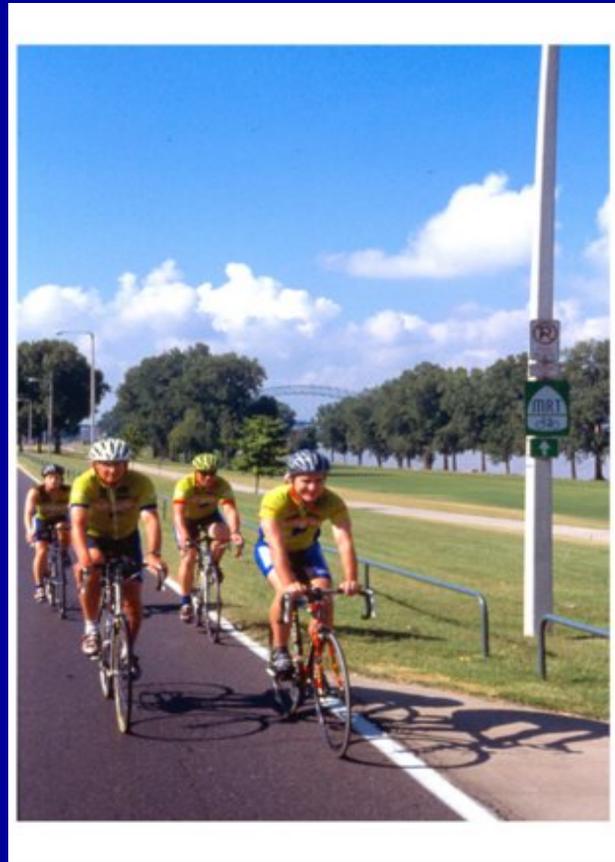
Reelfoot Lake State Park Tennessee



Meeman-Shelby Forest Memphis, TN



On the MRT, Memphis, TN



Helena, AR



Old U.S. 80 Bridge Vicksburg, MS



Antebellum grandeur, MS



River Road, LA



Levee Trail New Orleans, LA



Audubon Park, New Orleans, LA

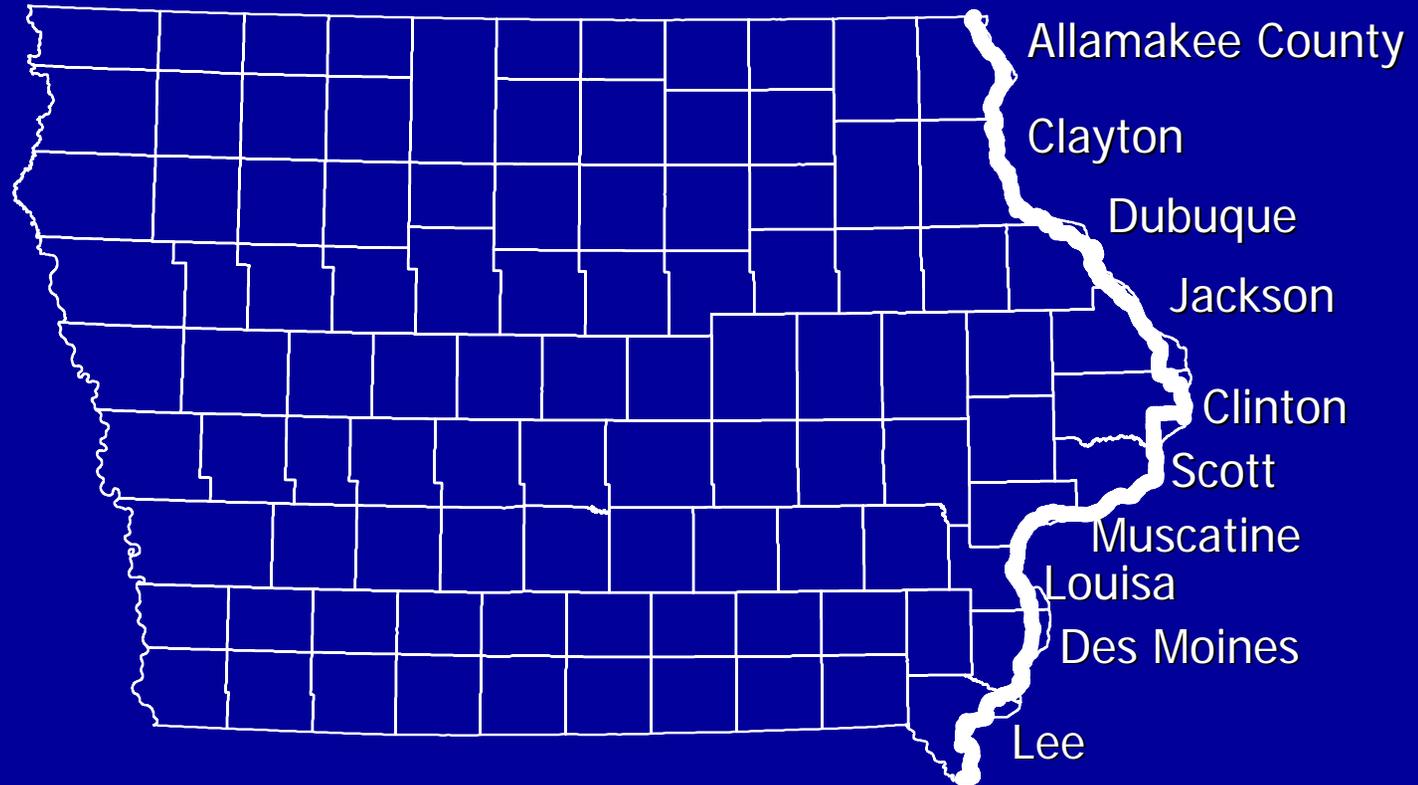


Trail's end—at the Gulf!





Iowa MRT



Located within 10 counties, 2 Metropolitan Planning areas and 4 Regional Planning areas

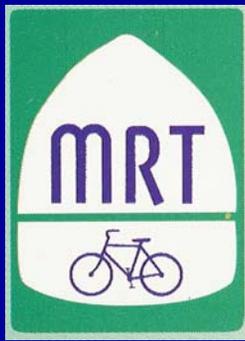
Iowa MRT

Estimated Mileage

By Jurisdiction

- ⌋ 140 miles on county roads
- ⌋ 90 miles within cities
- ⌋ 75 miles on primary highways
- ⌋ 30 miles of shared-use paths

Approximately 335 miles total



Iowa MRT Signed Segments

Co/City	Route	Description	Length	Type
Allamakee	Co Rd X52	N of Harper's Ferry	3 miles	6-ft. paved shoulder
Clayton	Co Rd X56	S of McGregor to Guttenberg	13 miles	4-ft. paved shoulder
Dubuque	Stoltz Principal Route	Through city	6 miles	On-street route/shared use path
Davenport	Riverfront Trail	Between Credit Island Park and 6th St	5 miles	Shared-use path

Iowa MRT State Committee

- Holds quarterly meetings to discuss route development issues
 - Currently working on route designation, planning, and MRT promotion
- **Executive Committee**
 - 14 members who oversee development of the Iowa MRT
 - Members represent foundations, Iowa DOT, regional commissions, conservation boards, and city administrations
- **County Champions**
 - 10 members representing each of the 10 counties involved

IowaMRT

Transportation Enhancement Earmarks

Iowa	Project	Amount
Muscatine	4.2 mile multi-use trail	\$510,000
Dubuque Co.	MRT Heritage Trail	1.68 million
“ “	MRT and related trails	1.0 million
Davenport	MRT Bridge at Credit Island	2.0 million
Bettendorf	Leach Lake to Riverdale	2.165 million
Scott & Muscatine Counties	MRT & related trails	1.0 million
Allamakee Co.	MRT route	4.9 million
Camanche to Clinton	Recreational Trail	2.1 million
Louisa County	Improve Great River Road	1.7 million
Montrose	Improve Great River Road	73,500
TOTAL		\$17,128,500

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Special Earmark Comparisons By State

<u>State</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Minnesota	\$1,348,300
Illinois	\$1,400,000
Iowa	\$17,128,500
Missouri	\$1,200,000
Louisiana	<u>\$400,000</u>
TOTAL	\$36,331,500

MRT Designation Process

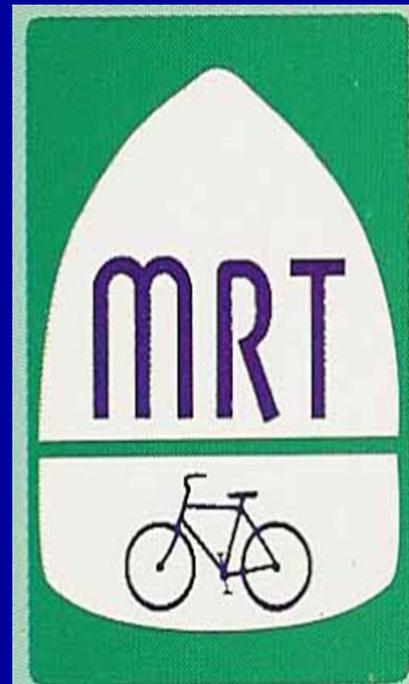
1. Segment meets cycling standards.
2. Destination points at each end of segment.
3. Segment is included in a bike plan.
4. Information is available to the public.
5. Owner signs and agrees to maintain the segment.

Definition:

What MRT Inc.

- Develop a map, description, cue sheet of the segment. **does**
- Identify amenities for cyclists along the segment.
- Provide directions to each end of the segment.
- Identify attractions along or near the segment.
- Post information on our web site (2,500-3,000 visitors per month, 15 countries).
- Work with local groups on promotional ventures

MRT logos



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