

Bartlett

# DuPage

Wayne

## Technology Corridor

St. Charles

West  
Chicago

## Trail

DuPage  
Airport

Geneva

DuPage  
Technology Park

Fermi National  
Accelerator  
Laboratory

Warrenville

Batavia

Aurora

Naperville



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## DU PAGE TECHNOLOGY CORRIDOR TRAIL

**Purpose** The purpose of this new trail concept is to develop a multi-purpose regional bikeway which links the Illinois Prairie Path (IPP) Batavia Spur, the Illinois Prairie Path Geneva Spur and the Illinois Prairie Path Elgin Branch with Fermilab, DuPage Airport, DuPage Technology Park, and the major far western forest preserves. These preserves include Big Woods, a 441-acre preserve at the south end, and Pratt's Wayne Woods, a 3432-acre preserve at the north end. The trail would also be located within ¼ mile of West Chicago Prairie, an Illinois Natural Areas Inventory site and one of the nicest prairie areas in this part of the state.

This trail is intended to provide access to municipal trail systems in St. Charles, West Chicago, Warrenville, Wayne, Geneva, Batavia, and Bartlett and the new Tri-County State Park. Through connections to other regional trails which exist and/or are proposed for future construction, users will be able to travel to all parts of DuPage County, as well as Kane County and northwestern Cook County.



IPP Batavia Spur at Big Woods Forest Preserve

**Sponsoring Agencies** This project will be an intergovernmental effort requiring the participation and support of several partner agencies along the trail route over the next several years. Those agencies include DuPage County, Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory, DuPage Airport Authority,

DuPage Technology Park, the Forest Preserve District of DuPage (FPD) and local agencies including Wayne, Wayne Township, and West Chicago.

**Trail Length** This proposed new regional trail is approximately 16 miles with approximately 4 miles of existing off-road paths which could be incorporated and designated as part of the new regional trail.

**Preliminary Estimated Cost for Development** A specific cost estimate has not been developed for this proposed trail but new trail construction and engineering is approaching \$1 million per mile on current projects (assuming no land acquisition). However, it is expected that several of these improvements could be constructed as part of other roadway or site development projects which would provide a more cost-effective implementation strategy.

**General Description of Trail Route** The route for this new conceptual trail is shown on the reverse page. It must be emphasized that the trail route is only conceptual and it is to be expected that the route will vary as more detailed planning and engineering work is undertaken on various segments and specific plans are approved by the partner agencies.

The trail begins in a northeast direction from the IPP Batavia Spur along a proposed off-road trail in Big Woods Forest Preserve (or a sidepath along Eola Road if approaching the trail from the east). The FPD has not developed a detailed plan for this fairly new preserve so more evaluation and analysis is needed by FPD to determine an appropriate trail route through the preserve. The concept would be to have the trail would proceed through the preserve to the corner of Butterfield and Eola Roads. The existing sidepath along the east side of Eola Road also ends at this intersection to the north.

The Technology Corridor Trail then proceeds north of Butterfield Road on Eola through Fermilab parallel to the existing internal laboratory roadway system. From there it will continue on new



sidepaths that could be constructed as part of an internal trail system expansion on the laboratory property. Again, the exact route that the trail would take is to be developed by Fermilab consistent with the mission of the laboratory and the needs of the facility and its residents.



**Bicyclists Traveling Through Femilab**

The trail concept would exit Fermilab at the north end of the property near the old McChesney Road right-of-way and enter the future industrial area of the DuPage Technology Park. This new business park will feature a number of development areas that include employment centers and other destinations attractive to bicyclists. Throughout the DuPage Technology Park, the regional trail is proposed as an off-road facility to be developed as a component of the overall site development plan for the Technology Park. The park is expected to include an internal trail system that will link various buildings and sites to this regional trail.

The Technology Corridor Trail exits the Technology Park at Roosevelt and Kautz Roads at the far northwest corner of this development. A future grade separation and roadway improvements near Roosevelt and Kautz will make this intersection more bicycle-friendly in the future. Here, the trail meets and continues along an existing sidepath along the west side of Kautz to the IPP Geneva Spur. This existing Kautz Road sidepath was built by area businesses, the City of St. Charles and DuPage Airport several years ago.

The trail continues east on the existing IPP Geneva Spur through DuPage Airport to Powis Road. The trail would then head north as a new sidepath along the proposed improved Kress-Powis Road to North Avenue. The trail would continue as a sidepath on the west side of Powis Road north of North Avenue to Smith Road. At Smith, the route heads east on Smith as an off-road trail until it intersects Pratt's Wayne Woods Forest Preserve.

Through Pratt's Wayne Forest Preserve the trail is proposed to travel north-northeasterly until it joins the IPP Elgin Branch. However, as with the Big Woods Forest Preserve segment, more evaluation is to be undertaken by the Forest Preserve District to determine a suitable route. Similar to the Big Woods Preserve, there are many unique natural areas in Pratt's Wayne that must be considered during this evaluation phase.

### **Next Steps: Detailed Planning and Preliminary Engineering**

County staff has met with staff of all of the partner agencies that would be involved in developing this new regional trail and the concept has been well received thus far. There is no timetable for implementation and it is expected that this trail will be constructed as opportunities related to site development occur along the corridor and funding becomes available. Detailed study and evaluation is needed by several agencies such as Fermilab and the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County to develop a suitable trail route through areas under their jurisdiction.

### **DuPage Technology Corridor Trail Partner Agencies**

DuPage County  
Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory  
DuPage Technology Park  
DuPage Airport Authority  
Forest Preserve District of DuPage County  
Wayne Township  
Village of Wayne  
City of West Chicago



# Proposed DuPage Technology Corridor Trail



Existing Regional Bikeway

Proposed Regional Bikeway

Proposed DuPage Technology Corridor Trail

Proposed DuPage Technology Corridor Trail  
(Existing Segments)

DuPage County Regional Bikeway Plan  
Adopted 1996 By:  
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DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference  
DuPage County Board

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