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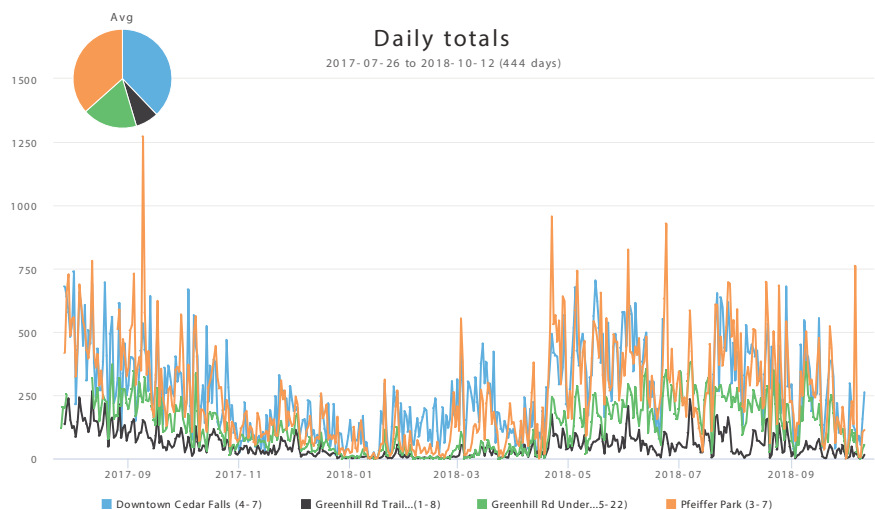
## WANT TO FIX UP HOMES IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

INRCOG is ready to assist cities with applications for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) owner-occupied rehabilitation grants from the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA). Applications are tentatively due in Spring 2019, but it's best to start early!!

To learn more, contact Cindy Knox, Rose Phillips, or Brian Schoon.

## COUNTERS COLLECT TRAIL DATA

Four trail counters have been continually recording trail usage on the Cedar Valley Trails network since July 2017. The counters, purchased by the Cedar Trails Partnership and maintained by INRCOG staff, record trail use which will be used to demonstrate the value of the trails, in grant applications, and to prioritize projects to improve the trail network. An additional six counters were installed this summer.





**Meyers Lake shoreline rehabilitation before (above) and after (below)**

## REAP APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED

INRCOG staff prepared Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) applications for the cities of Cedar Falls, New Hampton, and Fairbank for submission in August to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. We were pleased to learn the application for Cedar Falls was awarded \$150,000 and will be used for an updated bioretention cell in Clay Street Park, permeable pavement system, and new bioretention cell for stormwater runoff treatment.

Since 1990, INRCOG has written 59 successful REAP grant applications for 18 cities in the INRCOG region totaling \$6,052,752. Recent REAP awards have been made to the City of Dunkerton (2016, 2017); the City of Waterloo (2016); the City of New Hampton (2016); and the City of Allison (2017).

Another notable project recently completed with the assistance of the REAP program is located in Angels Park in Evansdale. In 2015, INRCOG prepared a REAP application for the rehabilitation of the northern shoreline of Meyers Lake. With the award, the City began removing overgrowth and replacing the revetment at a shallower grade with choke stone to prevent erosion. The reclaimed park space is now open to the public and offers views of Meyers Lake from the trail and parkgoers can access the shoreline and interact with the Lake.

# CALENDAR

## OCTOBER

- 11 MPO Policy Board & Tech. Comm.  
10:00 a.m.
- 18 INRCOG Executive Committee  
12:00 Noon  
RTA Policy Board & Tech. Committee  
1:00 p.m.

## NOVEMBER

- 8 MPO Policy Board & Tech. Comm.  
10:00 a.m.
- 14 INREDC Board  
10:30 a.m.
- 15 INRCOG Executive Committee  
12:00 Noon  
RTA Policy Board & Tech. Committee  
1:00 p.m.
- 22 Office Closed for Holiday
- 23 Office Closed for Holiday
- 28 City Clerks/County Auditor's Assn.  
12:00 Noon

## DECEMBER

- 13 MPO Policy Board & Tech. Comm.  
10:00 a.m.
- 20 RTC Advisory Committee  
10:30 a.m.  
INRCOG Executive Committee  
11:30 a.m.  
INRCOG Board  
12:00 Noon  
RTA Policy Board & Tech. Committee  
1:00 p.m.  
Iowa Northland Regional Housing Council  
3:00 p.m.
- 24 Office Closed for Holiday
- 25 Office Closed for Holiday

All meetings held at INRCOG unless otherwise noted



## STAFF HIGHLIGHT - Ben Kvigne



Ben Kvigne was recently named INRCOG's Director of Transit. Ben is not new to INRCOG as he joined the organization as Environmental Planner in August 2008.

In his new position, Ben is responsible for the daily operation of the Iowa Northland Regional Transit Commission (RTC). RTC provides open-to-the-public transit services in the INRCOG region.

Ben's work as Environmental Planner included being the Area 3 representative of the Iowa Waste Exchange program, and developing the INRCOG Regional Solid Waste Comprehensive Plan.

## DERELICT BUILDING PROGRAM ASSISTS CLARKSVILLE

On behalf of the City of Clarksville, INRCOG submitted an application to the DNR Derelict Building Grant Program to assist with the deconstruction of City Hall which was badly damaged by fire in July, 2017. The Program assists rural communities with populations of less than 5,000 with the deconstruction or renovation of abandoned buildings while also limiting the amount of material going to the landfill.

Clarksville's project, one of 17 funded in the state in FY 2018, was awarded \$11,850. A total of 8.08 tons of scrap metal, 208.68 tons of wood, and 216.56 tons of concrete and brick were diverted from the landfill.



## MPO & RTA PRESENT TO THE IOWA DOT COMMISSION

Representatives of the Black Hawk Metropolitan Area Transportation Policy Board and the Iowa Northland Regional Transportation Authority traveled to Decorah in October to present to the Iowa DOT Commission. In addition to thanking the Commission for their continued commitment to the area, future needs and partnership opportunities were discussed including an interchange at IA Highway 58 and Greenhill Road in Cedar Falls, the Northeast Industrial Access Study in Waterloo, an interchange at US Highway 218 and 260th St. between Janesville and Waverly, support for the reconstruction of IA Highway 150 in Independence, and a study of the IA Highway 150/52 Corridor. Kevin Blanshan, Executive Director with INRCOG also discussed the importance of continuing the planning and programming relationship with Iowa's RPAs and MPOs and thanked the Commission for support of public transit, air, and non-motorized initiatives.

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# WHY CALL US

The Iowa Northland Regional Council of Governments is an association of local governments that is committed to identifying, securing, and coordinating local, regional, and federal government projects and programs for the enhancement of our region and member communities.

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- Recreation
- Regional Transit Commission
- Safe Routes to School
- Safety
- Transportation

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