



# DANE COUNTY

**Joe Parisi**  
County Executive

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Dear Dane County Local Official:

I am pleased to announce that we are now accepting preliminary grant proposals for my new PARC & Ride Bike Trail grant program. This program, built on the Partners for Recreation and Conservation (PARC) grant program provides matching grants to communities interested in expanding trail interconnectivity throughout Dane County. The 2015 Dane County Budget has \$750,000 million in matching funds available through the PARC & Ride Bike Trail grant program. Your municipality will be eligible to receive up to \$250,000 (or up to 50% of the project costs) to offset bike trail design, engineering, and construction costs.

The program offers an excellent opportunity for us to work together on developing and enhancing bicycle trails and amenities in your community. Grants will be awarded for capital projects that expand bike trail interconnectivity, create destination-oriented regional bike trails, and improve bike safety. To be eligible for funding, trail projects must be identified in the Dane County Parks and Open Space Plan or Bike Dane Initiative. Eligible projects include the development of off-road bicycle/pedestrian trails with associated amenities and support facilities, such as trailheads/parking areas, signage, and safety facilities. Bicycle trail amenities or support facilities as stand alone projects without a trail component are not eligible.

Another exciting bicycle initiative that we're kicking off this year is the development of a Bicycle Way-finding Plan for Dane County bike trails and routes. The plan, which is expected to be completed later this year, will provide a guide for bicycle way-finding sign placement and design to help bicyclists navigate our exceptional bikeways and destinations throughout Dane County. Your community will be able to use this plan to easily incorporate bicycle way-finding signage into your bikeways and possibly receive grant funding for the signs through the PARC & Ride Bike Trail grant program.

Preliminary proposals to the PARC & Ride Bike Trail grant program are due **Friday, July 31st, 2015**. Enclosed are the grant guidelines that include more details on the program and the application instructions. The PARC & Ride Bike Trail Grant Guidelines are also available online at: <http://www.countyofdane.com/lwrp/parks/grants.aspx>.

I look forward to working with you on bicycle trail efforts that are good for wellness and building our reputation as a bike-friendly county.

Sincerely,

Joseph Parisi  
Dane County Executive