

Polk County Water & Land Legacy II Bond

“Focus projects”

- 1. Central Iowa Water Trails \$15,000,000**

This would include the three major projects on the Des Moines and Raccoon Rivers in downtown Des Moines (\$10M), and work along the remaining smaller streams within the plan, such as Beaver Creek, Walnut Creek, Yeader Creek, and Fourmile Creek.
- 2. Winter Sports Complex \$5,000,000**

This would include a winter sports complex for downhill skiing and tubing, cross-county skiing, snowshoeing, modern campgrounds, and winter lodge facility. We are looking at siting within a few miles of metro center.
- 3. Trails Connecting The Communities \$4,000,000**

There are many different trails systems in Polk County that need connecting, including Polk City and the High Trestle Trail, Jester Park with Johnston/Grimes/Granger, and the Chichaqua Valley Trail across north Des Moines to the Neal Smith Trail.
- 4. Chichaqua Station \$3,000,000**

Located within the 9,000-acre Chichaqua Bottoms Greenbelt, this new visitor’s center will open up the vast park to activities such as hiking, hunting, fishing, kayaking, and high-adventure camping. New additions will include American Bison and Elk reintroduction.
- 5. Thomas Mitchell Park \$3,000,000**

Because of strong demand for more facilities, this under-utilized gem outside of Mitchellville will go through a major overhaul, with expanded campgrounds, shower-houses, Nature Playscape, and cabins.
- 6. Vandalia Wildlife Area \$2,000,000**

This new park holds terrific potential for outdoor enthusiasts! Located along the Des Moines River, southeast of downtown, there is planned improvements to a large lake for paddling and fishing, nature trails, primitive camping, and wildlife watching.