



Proposed Carhart Conservation Area Trail



Carhart Conservation Area Trail, 2015

Mapleton participated in the Community Visioning Program in 2013 as part of an ongoing recovery from a 2011 tornado that damaged or destroyed nearly 60% of the community. The Community Visioning assessments revealed that residents place a high value on outdoor recreation opportunities and accessibility. In response, the Mapleton visioning committee proposed a trail in the Carhart Conservation Area. The proposed trail includes a granular trail loop that provides a secluded experience of the Maple River riparian area.

Immediately after completing the visioning process, the Mapleton visioning committee applied for and received a \$75,000 REAP (Resource Enhancement and Protection) grant from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to construct the trail and restore the riparian area along the Maple River.



People enjoying the trail



View of the Maple River

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