

## DeKalb Park District Updates

- Nature Trail Extension (see maps)
- Nature Trail Restoration work
  - Phase 1 (See flyer)
  - Phase 2
    - “The south and west portion of the DeKalb Nature Trail consists of several desirable mature trees including Black Walnut, Hackberry, Sugar Maple, and Oak that would be preserved. Several understory areas throughout the trail, however, are dominated by invasive Honeysuckle and Buckthorn, shrubs that can have a detrimental effect on woodland areas. Other species of concern include Riverbank Grape and Garlic Mustard, that should also be included in target treatments. Control of these species will encourage existing spring ephemerals to flourish as well as allow introduction of higher quality woodland shrubs and herbaceous vegetation.”
    - Non-native understory shrubs and aggressive vines to be treated and removed; mature trees to remain; areas to be seeded with open woodland seed mix and be planted with native understory shrubs to maintain screening.

## LHDC Active Transportation Projects

- Bicyclist Awareness Project – DCCF Grant funded
  - This will continue again in the spring. If anyone has events that they would like to give away t-shirts please let Amy know; If anyone has property that they would like to put up a banner, please let Amy or Joel know. (they look like this)



- Community Ride
  - A community ride will be scheduled (hopefully multiple in various communities) to draw attention to missing trail connections and other trail issues in the community. This will happen in May, possibly during Get Active week.
- Ride of Silence
  - Toney Xidis reported on this event that will happen on May 15. Kishwaukee Bike & Rec Club will hold this event to raise awareness of cyclist safety and in honor of those cyclists that have been killed by motorists
- Bike Friendly Re-application
  - Needs to be done this year; The committee will need to investigate whether or not the City of DeKalb is still interested in pursuing.
- Education (Fleet of Bikes available)
  - North Central Cyclery has a fleet of bikes that they have repaired and restored that can be used for educational programs. They are still taking more donations of used bikes. The committee will need to consider whether or not we want to develop some bicycle education programs to utilize these.