Over? don’t think so!

Our 60th Anniversary is over…I’m missing it already. There were so many successes and celebrations throughout the year and across the Trail. Those of you reading this…THANK YOU…it wouldn’t have been the landmark year without you.

Unlike our dedicated board, loyal volunteers, and generous donors, the weather was not on our side. Little did we know an April blizzard during our annual conference only foreshadowed what was to come: heavy storms, catastrophic rain and flooding, and destructive winds. High temperatures and humidity lay in wait. For good measure, we may as well mention the mosquitoes and ticks.

All this said, we are able to count significant victories. Trail improvement projects at the local level, and statewide with the Mobile Skills Crew events, met the challenges head on and handily achieved their objectives. Property monitoring visits stayed on track. Traditional efforts, and new, creative land protection strategies, led increasingly by the Alliance, allowed us to protect significant parcels across the state. We engaged new partners and supporters in order to do so! Our outreach efforts (over 600 activities!) continued to expand the number of children and young people introduced to the Trail. With an eye to the ever-evolving diversity of trail enthusiasts, we’re excited to bring the “Trail experience” we relish, to new audiences.

Looking ahead, there’s no shortage of things to do. Our newly expanded building in Cross Plains allows us to expand our efforts to “create, support and protect” the Trail. It also enables us to provide greater levels of support to our primary source of success: our talented and dedicated volunteers. Our staff will grow slowly, within the capacity of our financial resources, and guided by our strategic plan.

While documents point to what our founders envisioned for the Trail, it takes some guesswork to know what they would have envisioned for an organization like the Alliance. Although I’d bet they thought the Trail would be complete, I’m quite confident we’ve exceeded their expectations of what an organization like the Alliance is able to accomplish on behalf of the Trail.

Our 60th anniversary set us on a solid launch pad for many planned and unimagined successes, now and well into the future. We’re so glad you’re along for the ride!

Mike Wollmer
Executive Director
OUR mission
The mission of the Ice Age Trail Alliance is to create, support, and protect a thousand-mile footpath tracing Ice Age formations across Wisconsin.

ON THE COVER: Ice Age Trail enthusiast, Jason Roos says, “I have lived in West Bend most of my life and just realized this past year what the IAT was all about. It is a great stress reliever on the days I am off of work to get “Glacier B” outside, on his own pace, exploring and enjoying nature and new things.”

The Ice Age Trail Alliance (IATA) publishes Mammoth Tales for its members and friends. Together with the National Park Service, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, local units of government, businesses, and volunteers from around the state, the IATA works to preserve Wisconsin’s glacial heritage through the development of the Ice Age National and State Scenic Trail.

The IATA welcomes your comments. Email them to lysianne@iceagetrail.org, call us at (800) 227-0046, or send them to Mammoth Tales, c/o IATA, 2110 Main Street, PO Box 128, Cross Plains, WI 53528.

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<td>• Explore Historic Baraboo: Urban Hike</td>
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For a complete schedule of events and to register, please visit: [www.iceagetrail.org/annual-conference-2019/](http://www.iceagetrail.org/annual-conference-2019/)

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Deepen your backpacking know-how with plenty of advice from hiking experts. If you’re considering a thru-hike as your next big adventure, or if you’re scheming about how to section-hike the Trail in weekend jaunts, then these sessions are for you!

**TRIP PLANNING, LOGISTICS, AND NAVIGATION**
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Do you wonder how to plan your thousand-mile journey? If you feel a little confused, you’re not alone. The good news is there is a wealth of resources and IATA staff is eager to demystify them. You’ll learn the ins and outs of the interactive map including Trail conditions, as well as, the helpful details embedded in the Mammoth Tracks app. You’ll get the inside scoop about how to connect with chapter leaders; how to use the Thousand-Miler spreadsheet; the nitty-gritty of resupply, shuttles, and trail angels; and how to use social media to network with other hikers.

**WHAT’S INSIDE YOUR PACK?**
11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
You have your backpack loaded with all the “necessary” items, yet you think you might be carrying too much? Join REI staff and learn how to cut weight, carry the essentials, and tailor your gear to best suit your needs. In this hands-on class, bring in your personal pack and gear and we will go through the items you take with you when backpacking and do a group “shake-down” on gear. You will receive the small group attention you need to really perfect your packing system.

**BUFFET LUNCH** (included)
12:15 – 1:15

**THOUSAND-MILER WANNABE’S HACKS FOR COMPLETING THE TRAIL**
1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.
Accomplished segment hikers will share their best practices that allowed them to complete the Trail in fine style. For example, when is the best time to do the connecting routes (road walks); how they used shuttles or bicycles to get from point A to point B and back again; How to locate a hiking buddy; and even how to Leave No Trace. You’ll leave this session with a usable hack or two for your own adventure.

**HIKERS’ FORUM – WISDOM FROM THE TRAIL**
3:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.
Wondering what the chances are of meeting a bear, what cowboy camping entails, or how people survive heat and ticks on their way to the coveted 1,000-miler status? This session is your chance to hear crazy, make-you-want-to-hike-the-trail stories of those who’ve made the journey. Be inspired, be informed, and be entertained by the stories and fresh perspective of those who most recently completed their Thousand-Mile journey.

**DETAILS**
Date: Saturday, April 13, 2019
Location: Ho-Chunk Hotel & Convention Center, S3214 County Road BD, Baraboo, WI 53913
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.
Investment: $50.00 if attending only the Long-Distance Hiking Seminar.
Registration materials due by Monday, March 25

For a complete schedule of events and to register, please visit: www.iceagetrail.org/annual-conference-2019/

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

Name(s) ____________________________________________________________

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Regular Member Pricing:

☐ Three-Day (THUR, FRI, SAT) Conference Package - $150
☐ Two-Day (THUR, FRI) Conference Package - $125
☐ Two-Day (FRI, SAT) Conference Package - $125
☐ One-Day (THUR) Conference Package - $100
☐ One-Day (FRI) Conference Package - $100
☐ One-Day (SAT) Conference Package, includes Awards banquet and Long-Distance Hiking Seminar - $100
☐ One-Day (SAT) Long-Distance Hiking Seminar ONLY, includes lunch - $50
☐ Specialty Fee: Friday Wollersheim Winery Tour - $12
☐ Sunday Breakfast (complimentary) - $0

Registration TOTAL: ________________

☐ I prefer gluten-free meals ☐ I prefer vegan meals ☐ I prefer vegetarian meals

MEAL and REGISTRATION FEES

A conference registration fee and three meals a day (served buffet style) are included in the conference packages listed to the left.

lodging

Please make lodging arrangements by calling Ho-Chunk Hotel & Convention Center at 800-746-2486.

Ask for Ice Age Trail Alliance room block pricing using ID# 8568. Room prices: $89.00 single and doubles, $99 triple, $109 quad.

The deadline for the conference room rate ends Monday, March 11, 2019.

Ho-Chunk Hotel & Convention Center
S3214 County Road BD
Baraboo, WI 53913
www.ho-chunkgaming.com/wisconsindells/
2019 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

This provides Ice Age Trail Alliance, Inc. members with official notice of the IATA’s Annual Membership Meeting on Friday, April 12, 2019, 2:00 p.m. at the Ho-Chunk Hotel & Convention Center in Baraboo, WI. The meeting takes place during the IATA’s Annual Conference. You are welcome to attend the Annual Membership Meeting without attending/registering for other parts of the conference.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS

In January, all IATA members were sent a list of Board of Directors candidates recommended by the IATA’s Leadership Development and Executive committees. Members did not submit any additional nominees by petition. Therefore, the final list of candidates is:

New director-nominees:
John R. Kolbe (Delafiel, WI; Region 1)
Sam Picone (Summit Lake, WI; Region 3)

Current directors recommended for re-election:
Debbie Cervenka (Duluth, MN; Region 3)
John Hutchinson (Sun Prairie, WI; Region 2)
Danny Tang (Madison, WI; Region 2)

I hereby appoint Marcy Kempf or Marilynn Nash as my proxy (with full power of substitution) to attend the IATA’s Annual Membership Meeting to be held April 12, 2019 and any adjournment thereof and to vote on my behalf on all matters that may properly come up for membership approval during the meeting.

Dated: ____________________________, 2019

Signature: ___________________________________________

Printed name: ________________________________________

Please return to:
Ice Age Trail Alliance, Inc.
PO Box 128, 2110 Main Street
Cross Plains, WI 53528

find it online

To read nominee biographies and find more information about the Annual Conference, visit www.iceagetrail.org/annual-conference-2019.
Moraine Woods Conservation Park

KEVIN THUSIUS, DIRECTOR OF LAND CONSERVATION

Moraine Woods Conservation Park. It has a nice ring, doesn’t it? October 2018 welcomed the culmination of decades of effort to protect a key property along the Ice Age National Scenic Trail. This could not have happened without the strong commitments of our partners at the City of Madison and Dane County. To secure the land for the Ice Age Trail, Madison provided $1.5 million while the County kicked-in an additional $500,000.

The City of Madison has the distinguished honor of being the largest of the municipalities the Ice Age Trail passes through. The Trail crosses along Madison’s southwestern extent between the City of Verona and Town of Verona. With the fast-paced development of these communities it is easy to see why this property was so important to protect. As City of Madison Parks Division Superintendent Eric Knepp stated to the Wisconsin State Journal, “We had the opportunity with Dane County and the seller to acquire property for generations of Wisconsinites to enjoy. It is too good to pass up.”

Identified in the Ice Age National Scenic Trail corridor planning process in the mid-1990s, the 40-acre property lies just behind the terminal moraine. It is a beautiful piece of land. Approximately three-quarters of it is filled with mature oak trees. A small agricultural field offers scenic diversity and allows summer breezes to blow away pesky mosquitoes. “It’s a keystone to ensuring the trail is providing a connection…and everybody agrees it’s the right place for [the trail],” said Knepp. County Executive Joe Parisi agreed, “Dane County is excited to add land to the beautiful Ice Age Trail.”

Inspiring plans are in the works for Moraine Woods Conservation Park including the location of the Ice Age Trail, a possible loop trail, and small parking area. The Park will connect east to the University Ridge Golf Course – current home to the Ice Age Trail where an easement preserves its perpetual existence. As an added bonus, the creation of this Park also gets the Trail closer to a property further west which was previously donated to the City of Madison. The Alliance and its partners will continue to work with willing landowners to weave together a tapestry of properties to host the Trail.

The Ice Age Trail Alliance is grateful to our partners at the City of Madison and Dane County for their dedication to protecting land for the Ice Age Trail. The Alliance is also gratified by the conservation-minded patience of Charles and Bonnie Dykman and their willingness to work with our partners. The Park will be an oasis of quiet and calm, providing an important buffer and green space in a highly developed urban area.

An expansive view at the edge of the Moraine Woods Conservation Park is one reason the opportunity to build trails on this property is so exciting. Photo by Kevin Thusius.

The snowy woods on this property will continue to provide an important habitat for birds and animals, and a place to hike and explore for humans, throughout the seasons. Photo by Kevin Thusius.
What It Takes

LUKE KLOBERDANZ, DIRECTOR OF PHILANTHROPY

The final day of just about any Mobile Skills Crew (MSC) program event has some common denominators: a sense of pride; stories told at the tool trailer re-living challenges; friendly laughter and pats on the back; a walk on new Trail; and of course sore muscles. However, long before these euphoric moments, the gears of project planning begin their motion.

Years in advance, layout and design begins to form a line, project team meetings occur in barrooms and living rooms, and the vision is agreed upon. During the shortened days of December, the next year’s MSC schedule is announced. Volunteers eagerly plan vacation days so they can participate in one or more of these trailbuilding events. This is also when philanthropic efforts kick into high gear.

The fundraising includes conversations and agreements forged with partners ranging from corporations to individuals. This coalescing of supporters, along with remarkable volunteer effort, help make the stories around the tool trailer possible. In 2018, seventeen foundations and corporations, along with individual donors, provided over $110,000 in direct financial and in-kind support for the MSC season.

These organizations are not supporting our work because they have to; they are supporting our work because they are motivated by the dedication of the individuals who contribute both time and resources to the Alliance’s mission. They see an opportunity to support the Trail and be a part of the crew.

As the momentum of our work continues to build, so do the numbers of the corporations, foundations, and individuals joining us in the creation, support, and protection of the Ice Age National Scenic Trail. Undoubtedly, our requests for funding are fortified by the overwhelming support of volunteers, like you, who believe in the vision of a contiguous Trail through Wisconsin, and give it life.
Trailtessa
[treyl-tes-sah], noun: a woman or girl who gets out on the Ice Age National Scenic Trail to experience adventure, freedom and a new way to be.

Trail retreats designed for women. Signup Today!
Explore the rugged beauty of the Ice Age National Scenic Trail. It’s time to get outdoors and be free.
It’s time to tell your to-do list where to go. You know the one – it keeps you superwomen busy and preoccupied managing a busy life being beautiful, sexy, nice, smart, calm, organized, and the list goes on. Yeah, forget about that list.
Re-discover YOU with plenty of permission to be, Be you: Bold, Audacious, Strong, Adventurous. You get to choose.
Choose from a series of events, come to one or come to all. Join us on the Ice Age Trail.

Be Blissful
Saturday, February 23, 2019
Hartman Creek State Park, Waupaca
Enjoy pure bliss as you snowshoe through a blanket of sparkling white snow. Warm your heart and bring your tribe. Come ready to make new friends on the Trail. Warm your hands at the post-hike bonfire and relish yummy treats.

Be Resilient
Saturday, May 18, 2019
Southern Kettle Moraine, Whitewater Lake to Oleson Cabin
“Everyone has inside of her a piece of good news. The good news is that you don’t know how great you can be!” wrote Anne Frank. Discover a new level of greatness. Challenge yourself to a 10-mile hike and do more than you think you can. Resiliency is in the soul and spirit, as well as, the hiking boots. Pre-hike material will be available to help hikers plan and prepare for this adventure.

Be a Nature Princess
...at any age!
Saturday, June 1, 2019
Woodland Dunes Nature Center, Manitowoc
Be fanciful. Do Princesses climb trees and get dirty? Absolutely. This program, inspired by the children’s book, “Do Princesses Wear Hiking Boots?” is designed to be a royally good time, packed with opportunities to get out and get messy.

Proudly partnering with REI Force of Nature initiative.
**Be Bright**

Saturday, July 13, 2019  
Indian Lake County Park, Dane County  
Let your heart be bright. Experience the joy and wonder of fireflies lighting up the summer night. Enjoy a picnic dinner, live music, and a hike among the hills. Take a starlight stroll alongside Indian Lake. It’s magical under the light of the moon and around a bonfire.

**Be Adventurous**

Saturday, September 14 - Sunday, September 15  
Potawatomi State Park, Door County  
Want to dip your toe into the camping world, but don’t know where to start? We will create a great community space including camp lounge, trail mix bar, and plenty of outdoor fun. We will provide the positive and welcoming vibe – you bring your food, tent, and sleeping gear. Pre-camp material will be available to help campers plan and prepare for this adventure.

**Be Loved**

Saturday, September 28, 2019  
Obey Ice Age Interpretive Center, Chippewa County  
Be Grounded. Be Centered. Surround yourself with those you love and keep what’s important to you front and center. Experience the wonder of summer turning into fall and the landscape erupting with glorious color. All paces and abilities can experience the love along the Ice Age Trail.

**Be Empowered**

Saturday, October 12, 2019  
Hartland Marsh, Hartland  
Pick up a set of loppers and show buckthorn who’s Boss. Help restore the land to a mix of oak and prairie savannah. You’ll work side-by-side with a group of dedicated Trail enthusiasts who know how to get the job done. Your stewardship efforts will be rewarded with a wonderful lunch provided by Outpost Natural Foods Co-op.

**Be Fierce: Backpacking 101**

Thursday, September 12 – Sunday, September 15  
Northern Wisconsin  
Previous backpacking experience required as we set out to explore the rugged north woods of Wisconsin. You’ll want to be prepared for primitive camping in bear country.

**Be Fierce: Backpacking 201**

Thursday, October 17 - Sunday, October 20  
Kettle Moraine State Forest- Northern Unit  
No previous backpacking experience necessary as we tackle a total distance of almost 24 miles from Glenbeulah to Mauthe Lake. Expect hilly terrain and crisp, clear streams.

Information and registration at: [www.iceagetrail.org/trailtessa-force-of-nature/](http://www.iceagetrail.org/trailtessa-force-of-nature/)
New Non-Motorized Route in Langlade County

TIM MALZHAN
Director of Trail Operations

Old Railroad Segment
Langlade County
October 9-14
Participants: 192
Volunteer Hours: 5,797

PROJECT PARTNERS:
Antigo High School
Northland College and UW-Stevens Point UW-Madison Hoofers Outing Club
Langlade County National Park Service and Outdoor Foundation
Antigo Rotary Club
Rotary Club Foundation
REI
Wigwam
Sitka Salmon Shares
Jones Dairy Farm
McDougals Farm
Kohm-Spychalla Farms
Delafield Brewhaus
Pine River Pre-Pack
Whilmelh Lumber

A more fitting event to mark the 60th anniversary of the Ice Age Trail Alliance (IATA), the 50th anniversary of the National Trail System Act, the 45th anniversary of the IATA Langlade County Chapter and the first IATA Mobile Skills Crew (MSC) event to occur in Langlade County, would be hard to script.

Overlaying old logging roads and an abandoned rail grade, the “Old Rail Road” Segment of the Ice Age National Scenic Trail first came into being in 1976. In 2015, rumors of a plan to extend a local ATV trail threatened to affect about 6 miles of the Ice Age Trail in the Langlade County Forest. Rumors became fact when, in summer 2018, substantive lengths of the route officially converted to motorized use. This is not an isolated story – statewide, more than 100 miles of existing Ice Age Trail overlaying former logging roads and converted rail grades are at similar risk.

For the Ice Age Trail, the choices were clear: close the off-road segment, share the existing route with motorized users, or build a new route.

Following three plus years of planning, design, and on-the-ground prep work, over seven cold and wet October days, 192 volunteers gathered to create and protect an astonishing 10 miles of the Ice Age Trail.

Persistent rain and snow shadowed every step of the event. There were a thousand reasons to quit and a thousand times when “close enough” could have been good enough. Instead, with ever-present smiles, each person, each day, inch ed the needle towards success. We are grateful to the volunteers who persevered and devoted a staggering 5,797 hours to propel the effort forward.

The new non-motorized route of the Ice Age Trail starts at CTH A, near Pence Lake Road, and continues to STH 45, north of the Antigo School Forest. Hikers, snowshoers, and backcountry skiers will experience a stately old growth white pine measuring 138 inches in circumference, a placid unnamed lake, a new pedestrian bridge overlooking a beautiful tamarack swamp, and noble stone work worthy of a King's ransom – all part of the new trail experience on the revamped Old Railroad Segment of the Ice Age National Scenic Trail.

Special thanks to Langlade Chapter volunteers, the Antigo Rotary Club, the Langlade County Forestry Department, the National Park Foundation, statewide volunteers and MSC crew leaders.
Seasonal Trail Crew

TIM MALZHA, DIRECTOR OF TRAIL OPERATIONS

Hands-on caring for the Ice Age National Scenic Trail – like mowing, clearing, and beating back prickly ash and stinging nettle, for example – entails getting sweaty, tired, and swatting more than your rightful share of mosquitos. The Alliance and volunteer trail maintainers have long been challenged by too many demands, and too-few hands, to keep up with stewardship needs along the Ice Age Trail.

As early as 1919, young adults carrying pick mattocks, shovels, axe, hatchet and a few days of food were dispatched into the White Mountains Region by the Appalachian Mountain Club to keep hiking trails open and clear for the early 20th century recreationist. One hundred years later, the Ice Age Trail Alliance will test drive the Seasonal Trail Crew idea to meet the relentless demands exerted by time and use in the 21st Century.

Our crew will be joining the likes of the “Yankee Clippers,” “Long Trail Patrol,” and “Konnarock,” just three examples of Seasonal Trail crews working to sustain and enhance National Scenic and other hiking trails in need of care throughout the United States.

There isn’t a magic solution to apply that suddenly engages more people in the work of hands-on caring for the Trail – a resource 1.5 million people enjoy using – but the Alliance is working to address capacity issues through its current strategic plan. One element calls for the pilot, or operational test run, of a Seasonal Trail Crew in 2019.

What is it?
The IATA Seasonal Trail Crew pilot is designed to decrease the gaps in trail maintenance and stewardship coverage statewide. Objectives include providing needed resources to Alliance chapters with declining volunteer bases, and bringing help to areas with remote, hard to access sections of Ice Age Trail. In its pilot season, the crew will focus on maintenance backlogs in Taylor and Rusk Counties and select County Forest lands.

Who is it?
Crew makeup will consist of five young adults serving as paid seasonal employees. They will be equipped to mow and clear trail and be trained to address trail erosion, signage, and other stewardship needs.

More than a paycheck, working on a trail crew can provide a career path in the field of conservation. We will seek out people from diverse backgrounds to be employed 40-hours-a-week from early June to mid-August. As a crew, they will be mobile and establish basecamps from which to work as needs dictate.

How will success be measured?
If the Seasonal Trail Crew idea is to be advanced beyond 2019, success entails both a measurable number of miles maintained and that everyone goes home safely, having great stories to tell. To be sustainable, equally important measures include how well the pilot integrates with and leverages existing IATA programs (chapter maintenance and Mobile Skills Crew events) and, is able to point to more outreach and communication efforts to partners and communities as a result of the Seasonal Trail Crew’s efforts.

How is this different than Mobile Skills Crew (MSC)?
Mobile Skills Crew (MSC) events are powered by a fluid and ever-changing number of unpaid volunteers. Program objectives include a heavy dose of leadership development to sustain new trail construction, trail maintenance and stewardship across the State. In contrast, the Seasonal Trail Crew will consist of a defined number of limited-term, paid employees whose focus will be maintaining and stewarding a narrow portion of the existing Ice Age Trail footprint.

Can I get involved?
Yes! It takes a lot of teamwork to build and maintain the Ice Age National Scenic Trail, and that teamwork goes beyond five people working a summer stint in the woods.

We need to walk before we run, but opportunities for volunteers to get involved will, as the crew itself, be tested.
Musings...A Preview of the 2019 Trailbuilding Season

TIM MALZHAN, DIRECTOR OF TRAIL OPERATIONS

A large map of Wisconsin, backed with foam core board and framed by simple pine boards, has adorned each of my office work spaces for going on 19 years now. The map is a conversation starter, a reference tool, and today, covered by 30 stickers of various colors representing unique project undertakings, a reminder-to-self of the many places across the breadth and width of the Trail needing time and attention in 2019.

With this explanation, someone commented “You’ll run yourself ragged trying to do all this.” I replied, “You’re only seeing the tip of the iceberg –this is what a shared vision looks like and what hundreds of dedicated volunteers and staff take on every year.”

2019 MSC Projects

Boardwalk Construction
Marathon Co, Apr 25-27

Ringle
May 15-19
Aug 13-18

Bohn Lake & Greenwood
Sept 18-22

IAT-U
Merrimac & Devil's Lake
July 17-21*

Ice Age
Interpretive Site
March 15-16
June 19-23

Holy Hill
Feb 7-9

* training event
## 2019 Trailbuilding Season at a Glance

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<td>Holy Hill Segment, Washington County</td>
<td>What better way to warm the heart than with a winter work party on ice? We are taking advantage of Jack Frost’s gift to begin work on a 574-foot-long boardwalk by drilling holes and setting posts in frozen wetland. STAY TUNED for updates and additional projects to be announced.</td>
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<td>March 15-16</td>
<td>Ice Age Interpretive Site, Dane County</td>
<td>Early spring is a great time to converse with Sandhill cranes and gear up for summer trail work. There will be plenty of brush to clear, chainsaw work, and herbicide application to reveal this driftless story in stone.</td>
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<td>April 25-27</td>
<td>Ringle Segment, Marathon County</td>
<td>Help us get a head start in advance of large-scale trailbuilding events in May and August by helping with behind-the-scenes efforts for a 450-foot boardwalk and relocation of the Trail from private onto public land.</td>
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<td>May 15-19</td>
<td>Ringle Segment, Marathon County</td>
<td>After crafting a hard-won half-mile in 2018 and 1.7 miles in 2017, we look to create 2 miles of new Trail on the Ringle Segment in 2019. Boardwalks, stonework, signage, and tread construction are on the menu. Opportunities for satellite crews to paint blazes on the upgraded Old Railroad Segment may present themselves as well!</td>
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<td>June 19-23</td>
<td>Ice Age Interpretive Site, Dane County</td>
<td>We created almost 3 miles of new Trail in Dane County last year, and we aim to add more in 2019. Join us as we bring to fruition the first section of the Ice Age Trail in Madison’s “National Park.” Get hands-on experience with wood and stone, artisanal tread, trail signage, and invasive species eradication.</td>
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<td>July 17-21</td>
<td>IAT-U, Sauk County</td>
<td>Dig into the back-to-basics skills fundamental to the Trail’s purpose and sustainability: Stonework, Thinking Beyond the Blaze, Trail Plumbing, and more! Course details and schedules will be posted at <a href="http://www.iceagetrail.org">www.iceagetrail.org</a> when finalized.</td>
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<td>Ringle Segment, Marathon County</td>
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<td>September 18-22</td>
<td>Bohn Lake + Greenwood Segments, Washara County</td>
<td>A favorite hike in Central Wisconsin grows to new lengths. We’re adding nearly three quarters of a mile of new Trail, extending a loop trail at the well-loved Bohn Lake Segment, and improving access to the Mecan River Segment.</td>
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<td>October 16-20</td>
<td>Wildcard!</td>
<td>An October surprise! We have a few irons in the fire and will tend to the hottest one at this event. Wherever we are, this will be guaranteed fun to celebrate another stellar season of camaraderie and first-class trailbuilding.</td>
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For more information and to register: iceagetrail.org/volunteer/mobile-skills-crew-program
Three weeks or 30 minutes. Both are amounts of time, separated by a year. I spent on the Firth Lake Segment. The two experiences were very different. One occurred while I was a crew member with the Wisconsin Conservation Corps (WisCorps) and the other while on my 2018 thru-hike. Both had the similarity of being experienced through the lens of a unique perception of time. Trail-Time. A meditative, obligation-free state of mind. The senses peak to the point of almost combining. My thoughts felt 3D and immersive, to the point where I struggle to say if I was fully in my head (my brain often was occupied with thoughts to the point of blocking out my surroundings) or out of my mind (my thoughts felt like they left my skull and were in plain sight).

I have learned to appreciate (and crave) this variation in perception, especially when compared to time in day-to-day life. Employment is necessary and generally comes with a 9-to-5, Monday through Friday schedule. It’s a sense of time constructed out of obligation, schedules, and routine. Add something as common as electricity, and we stay up later and get up earlier. It’s easy to get way outside our natural body clocks and rely on alarms to start our days.

I discovered Trail-Time during the fall of 2017 while I was employed with the WisCorps as part of a 2.5 month crew. We had week-long stints in state parks and county parks across southern Wisconsin, but one project stood out. Three weeks in the north woods with the Ice Age Trail Alliance. The Mobile Skills Crew volunteers showed up after we had been working on part of the Firth Lake re-route for a week. Some of ya’ll might remember meeting our crew of swoon green-hoodie-toting food-garbage-disposals that helped out at this event. After the MSC event was over, we stuck around and finished the re-route. Each work day was spent in a new forest-zone on a hand-built path that we were the first to experience. Re-reading my journal from this time period I had written, “This doesn’t feel like a job; it feels like an ideal way of life.”

On crew, my internal clock felt . . . honest. I don’t recall waking up exhausted or snoozing my alarm. Also, I noticed that during and after crew, my depression became significantly less severe. At its worst I would have unwanted intrusive thoughts (about death, suicide, insecurities, social anxiety, etc.) about every hour, and during more manageable periods, these thoughts would budge to the front of my mind a few times a day. This daily experience was a significant and difficult part of my reality for five years. Yet, at some point, while working on Crew, I felt relief. I was experiencing full days free from intrusive thoughts, which I think can be credited to my lifestyle on crew: daily exercise, spending weeks outdoors, getting enough sleep, eating healthy (our crew ate vegetarian), and experiencing life through the lens of Trail-Time.

When I found myself with the opportunity to participate in more MSC events in 2018, I was thrilled. My only complaint was that five nights in a tent wasn’t enough to get a taste of Trail-Time. There are many reasons I wanted to thru-hike the Ice Age Trail, but my craving for Trail-Time was a significant consideration, especially after realizing its positive effects on my mental health. I figured two more months spent outdoors would hit the nail on the head. So, with the help and aid of advice from community members, friends and family, I planned for and left on my West to East thru-hike.

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Trail-Time, I’ve learned, creeps in slowly (like trail hunger). It wasn’t until I was hiking into Chippewa County, I began to notice the subtlety of Trail-Time emerging. Leaving Weyerhaeuser I was less than thrilled to start my first full day of road-walk. Although, within an hour or so I was forgetting I was on a road because I was engulphed by my imagination. I was surrounded by a cloud of imagery that followed the plot of my thoughts. Occasionally, something in the ditch would catch my eye and I would pop back to reality. Long road-walks became equivalent to a long stop at the creativity bar. I’d have pint after pint of imagination, on-tap, and for free. Trail-Time is a mental state created by simplified routines, the lack of a strict schedule, and extended exposure to the outdoors.

Hiking into the Firth Lake Segment’s 2017 reroute, my Trail-Time experiences were overlapping! Memories from my three weeks building the reroute came flooding back. Each day of work was solidified in 3D space which I now hiked through in the present. With every step forward towards the eastern terminus, I remembered specific conversations, rocks, stumps, clumps of moss, dead trees, times I laughed, locations we cached tools, and found pupae and salamanders. It was a dense experience of memories. My thoughts were free and colorful. I felt sort of out of my mind hiking alone in the woods smiling and laughing, but such was the experience.

The Ice Age Trail has changed my life. It gave me place and space to experience life without depressive thoughts. It taught me how much time outdoors I really need. I highly recommend you take a walk in the woods. Make it last a few weeks or months, because living in the city is conducive to cyclical thoughts. Take the exit off the cultural roundabout. I hope the Ice Age Trail can change your life for the better, too. Allow every day to be the best day of your life.

Ryan Jansen grew up in the Middleton-Cross Plains area. Over the last 10 years the Ice Age National Scenic Trail has become more and more a part of his life. In October, 2018 he completed a West to East thru-hike which, by his own account is, “by far the coolest thing I’ve ever done.” Ryan emphasizes gratitude, “I am thankful for all the kind hearted individuals who helped and hosted me along my adventure, to staff and volunteers who make the trail a reality, and to all the selfless donations people make to the Ice Age Trail Alliance.”
Since the late ‘90s, trail runners have been documenting their fastest trail runs under the moniker “FKT,” which stands for Fastest Known Time. The title implies that a person has run or hiked the trail faster than everyone before them. The tradition of FKT was started on the major hiking trails out west. However, in the past decade, a few runners have brought it home to the Ice Age Trail. In 2007, trail runner Jason Dorgan set the first FKT on the Trail by running it in 22 days and 6 hours. In 2018, trail runner Annie Weiss broke the record and clocked her time at 21 days, 18 hours, and 7 minutes. Mammoth Tales volunteer Rachele Krivichi spoke with both Jason and Annie to get their insights on accomplishing this challenge.

Rachele Krivichi: Why and how did you decide to run the trail? Did you have previous trail running experience?

Jason Dorgan: I started ultra-distance events in ’94. It went from 50 miles to 100 miles, to Iron Man as I kept getting into the next thing. I started reading about Appalachian Trail runs and I was impressed by them. I knew I didn’t have time to do that kind of length, though. So, I started thinking why not try the Ice Age Trail? I realized no one had ever really tried to run it before. It was in my backyard, so I figured I’d better try to use it.

Annie Weiss: I participate in a lot of ultra-distance events, anything up to 100 miles. But running the Ice Age Trail, which was my husband’s idea, is the longest I’ve run. We had hiked a lot on the Holy Hill segment and got inspired to try the entire Trail. My goal was to essentially break the women’s record and then underneath it all I also wanted to break Jason’s record. There were days when I would run up to 75 miles, but we knew on average I had to do 50 miles a day to hit the record.
RK: What did you hope to accomplish by running the entire Trail?

AW: I’ve run Wisconsin races and I’ve run races out west and it really blows my mind how many runners, novice to pro, have never heard of the Ice Age Trail. So, mostly I wanted to bring light to the Trail. At first I wanted to promote it within the running community. But after I started, I was amazed by how many 9-13 year old girls followed along as I ran. I’ve done more talks with that age group since running it. I wasn’t trying to inspire that age group, but it was cool how that came out of it!

JD: Mostly, I wanted to experience the whole trail. I knew there would be sections that were more rugged than I’d previously thought. In addition, I also wanted to make my run into a fundraiser. I ended up raising about $15,000 for the Trail. It was kind of amazing how well I got the word out, because this was before Facebook. I ended up being interviewed and was on TV all across Wisconsin.

RK: What did you learn about yourself in the process?

AW: I think running the Ice Age Trail was a really good learning experience in being alone. Yeah, I might have had a runner with me sometimes, but I had so much alone time overall. So, I learned how to be with myself. I also learned that, even though my pain tolerance is already pretty high, I can handle more than I previously thought.

JD: I learned that it was possible for me to come back after hitting the low point. I had a plan to finish in three weeks. But sometimes, every step was painful, and I would need a pep talk from someone in my crew. So, the mental part of it was, “Yeah, this hurts, but I gotta push through it.” The last week was probably one of the easiest parts to do. I even felt like I could have run a few more days. But mentally, I was done. A week later I ran the Ice Age 50, the race down in Whitewater. But after that I took two months off from running.

RK: What did you learn about the Trail?

JD: In hindsight, I realized how much effort it takes to maintain the trail. Before I started running, a chapter coordinator in the Northwoods heard about my run and warned me there was a place where the bridge was out. He made a temporary bridge with logs so I could run across it without getting soaked. I learned that nothing happens without the chapter, they’re so intimate with what’s in their area. It’s a small group of people that really make the Trail happen.

AW: There are a lot of segments of the Trail that I had never run before that I really enjoyed. I was thoroughly impressed with the West Bend segment. It made me wonder why there isn’t a race there. I also learned there are a lot of road segments but that the Trail is really well marked.

There were three occasions where I got turned around, but otherwise I had no problems. The volunteers really do a good job in maintaining the Trail.

RK: How have you been shaped by the experience of running the Trail? Did it change you?

AW: It proved to me that I like competing against myself. I’ve gotten into a stage where I don’t want to compete against other people; I’d rather just enjoy my time with them. So, this was a different kind of competition.

JD: It strengthened a lot of my core values. I’ve come to realize that, even though I ran this thing, I didn’t do it alone. Nothing is possible alone. I personally had a lot of good support. My overall philosophy of life is that you’ve gotta give back and help people. Even though it looks like a person accomplished something alone, all by themselves, that’s not a true perception.

RK: How have you engaged with the Trail (or Alliance or chapters) since your run?

JD: I was on the board for six years and I’ve been doing the Mobile Skills Crew events since 2008. I had gone to the 2006 annual conference before running the Trail, and now attend almost every year. I maintain and mow a 2.5-mile section of Trail near Verona. I also joined the Yellow Blaze Club to help support and fund the Trail. So, that’s how I give back now.

AW: My husband and I belong to the Ice Age Trail Alliance. We also plan to participate as Field Editors for the 2020 guidebook because they don’t have as many volunteers in the northern part of the state. So, we wanted to help up there. I’m also doing a few different presentations for different chapters in the next few months. I love doing that kind of stuff.

Rachie Krivichi is a writer, artist, and outdoor lover from Wisconsin. Her work has been seen in Wisconsin Gazette newspaper, Temporary Art Review, and Culturaal blog, based in the Netherlands. In 2016 she finished her first book, a study of camper and recreational vehicle culture. She recently moved to Minneapolis, but Wisconsin and the Ice Age Trail are some of her earliest loves.
Gerald “Buzz” Meyer

ERIKA CANNADAY

Gerald “Buzz” Meyer's commitment to the Ice Age National Scenic Trail started with an article in the Star News. One bright morning, in 1990, while paging through the paper, he read about a hike on the Timm’s Hill Trail. While it wasn’t part of the Ice Age Trail, it would become a National Scenic Side Trail. The event was a fundraiser for the High Point Chapter. He decided to participate and set out gathering sponsors, raising somewhere between $50 and $100. After a few years of minimal commitment, he was asked to help out at one of the Chapter’s trail improvement days. Ten years later when Bob Rusch, the Chapter’s volunteer coordinator stepped down, Buzz took on the role he’s now held for nearly twenty years.

Buzz is proud of his small, dedicated group, numbering twelve volunteers. They maintain sixty-two miles of the Ice Age Trail in Taylor County, where the population is sparse at twenty-thousand residents. He estimates the average age of his volunteers is sixty-five years old. It’s a big job. He admits, even for the seasoned, it can be a challenge. “I got lost once myself, for about an hour, just out to do some grass cutting when the trail was overgrown!” He surmises it’s the distance from the city center to the Trail which hinders the interest in volunteerism. “Absolutely, we could use more help. It’d be great to have younger people helping us, though we get it done with the crew we have.”

Buzz notes high profile use of the Ice Age Trail, like Annie Weiss’ successful FKT attempt, motivates volunteers to keep the trails groomed. He wanted her to be safe out there. Annie told Buzz she’d like to get involved in the Northern counties where the Trail is more remote and has less volunteer support than other areas. He hopes she will.

Like many of the dedicated volunteers who generously give of their time, money, and efforts, Buzz is a humble man. He talks little of himself and offered much praise to those he works with. Though he may be uncomfortable in the spotlight, his work with the Trail, and with hikers in particular, have branded him notable. His name often is found on Thousand-Miler applications as a volunteer who provided incredible assistance. Shuttling hikers is one of his favorite volunteer jobs.

He once supported a group of ten or twelve high school students who were studying arduous journeys and created their own with a multiple day trek of 50 miles a day. The result was a short film. Buzz was pleased to give Craig Tauscher a ride. Imagine his astonishment when he arrived at the Mondeaux trailhead and realized he would be shuttling, not only Craig, but also his brother, Mark Tauscher, former Wisconsin Badger and Green Bay Packer. In September 2012, he arranged a three-day, two-night hike for a woman, her husband, and their dog. She was a freelance writer for Backpacker Magazine. Requests for his shuttle service have increased ten-fold, since then, with hikers still referring to her article!

His most impressive claim to fame, at least among this readership, is time spent with Billy Goat (George Woodard). Named one of Backpacker Magazine’s “8 Badass Older

Hikers,” Billy Goat said he’d like to hike 50,000 miles before he turned eighty. To accomplish this, he was hiking the Ice Age Trail when Buzz heard he needed a shuttle. Arriving at the hotel, Buzz discovered Billy Goat was ill and needed to rest. The next day, when Buzz went back, he learned Billy Goat was in the hospital. He shuttled Billy Goat’s backpack to the hospital instead. A Trail Angel’s work takes many forms.

Buzz admits, “Sometimes it feels like you’re not doing much. Then a hiker comes through and thanks you for the work you do, and it’s worth it.” He add, “The exercise is good, too.”

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More Dispersed Camping Areas are Open for Business!

As the weight of your pack gets heavier with every step, and as dusk settles in, it’s easy to feel anxious about where to rest your head for the night. If you’re hiking in the northern tier of the Ice Age National Scenic Trail, from the Trail’s Western Terminus east through Langlade County, you needn’t fret too much. With careful planning, there’s adequate public land along the Ice Age Trail corridor where you may pitch a tent steps from the Trail and practice Leave No Trace primitive camping. A rule of thumb, when hiking in this northern region, is to know primitive camping is allowed on county forest land and in the Chequamegon National Forest. However, the further south you go, the options for primitive camping significantly diminish and the possibility for hiker anxiety rises.

One feature that continues to improve the trail experience of long-distance, multi-day hikers is the establishment of dispersed camping areas (DCA). DCAs facilitate long-distance travel on the Ice Age Trail by providing a legal place for multi-day hikers of the Ice Age Trail to pitch a tent for the night. These unadorned, minimalistic sites typically come with no facilities; they cannot be reserved and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. DCAs are spaced at irregular intervals along the Ice Age Trail.

This style of primitive camping helps focus recreational impacts on the land in a managed, designed way. The DCA initiative started in 2008 as a collaborative effort between the Ice Age Trail Alliance, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources’ Bureau of Parks, and the National Park Service. The first DCA came on line in 2010, at Badger Prairie County Park, in Dane County. Soon, others were created at other locations along the Trail. Today, 19 DCAs are open for business. Three most recent DCAs were added during the 2018 trailbuilding season:

- One on the Lodi Marsh (East) Segment, Dane County;
- One on the IATA Rice Lake Preserve, located along County Road Y, a road walk connected to the Ringle Segment, Marathon County; and,
- One on the Old Rail Road Segment, Langlade County.

To ensure the DCA program continues, and additional DCAs are created in the future, hikers need to be aware of and follow the specific rules for use:

- For use by multi-day Ice Age Trail hikers only;
- Camp within sight of the DCA sign; (Camping is within sight of a signed post)
- Maximum of 6 people in the camping area;
- One night only;
- No fires except backpacking stoves;
- Leave no trace of your visit;
- Wash yourself and dishes 200’ from water;
- Dispose of human and pet waste in a 6” cathole if no facility is provided.

So, loosen your pack and pitch your tent. Fire up your stove and make yourself at home. Rest your weary head, dear Thousand-Miler, and dream beneath a blanket of stars. This quiet little spot was cleared just for you.
INDIANHEAD CHAPTER

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Fall was here and gone in a day. Before we knew it, we had winter weather. Thanks to those who donated their time and effort, despite the weather, we hosted successful work days focusing on the McKenzie Creek Segment. Many in our chapter attended the St. Croix Falls town meeting to support Amy Lord from the IATA in her presentation to the town council. She was there to promote St. Croix Falls becoming a Trail Community. Her presentation was well received and the town has decided to become a Trail Community!!

In October, we supported the 5th annual Gandy Dancer Marathon. We made a special sign officially naming our aid station as the Woolly Mammoth Aid station. It was a great day helping and supporting the runners in this event. Our annual Fall Colors hike was a cold, windy, and snowy day but thankfully we had shelter at the Pole Barn and a fire to warm ourselves up following the hike. We also had a potluck and warm beverages to fill our bellies. We hosted two Full Moon hikes, one in October and one in December.

- Cheryl Whitman

BLUE HILLS CHAPTER

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• While volunteers were busy keeping other trails groomed, Jim Lake and Dan Brereton built a beautiful bridge over No Name Creek in the Hemlock Creek Segment. It was a long time coming as the chapter has talked about it for years.

• Several Volunteers attended the Regional Rally at New Auburn. It was good to discuss issues with members from five other chapters.

• Letitia Crisler attended the Outdoor Adventure Expo in the Twin Cities and manned the IAT display for an entire day while greeting interested people and handing out literature.

• Volunteers are working with Barron County to resolve issues arising from future opening of ATV trails crossing the Trail in the Hemlock Creek Segment.

• Attended a meeting in Rice Lake concerning preserving and improving hiking and bicycling trails in the area with Dave Schlabowske, Director of the WI Bicycle Federation.

- Bob Held

SUPERIOR LOBE CHAPTER

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In spite of horse and deer flies and consistently warm, humid weather of this summer, sign post installations, blazing, corridor clearing, and more, were completed during July and August chapter Trail Improvement days. In early September, a crew prepped for another Trail Improvement day, focusing on a small, damaged bridge.

Chapter members also advised and shuttled Ice Age Trail hikers.

- Marilynn Nash
CHIPPEWA MORAINE CHAPTER
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Chapter volunteer effort during early summer focused on completing the rerouted Trail segment at Mudbrook in the Harwood Lakes Segment. The main boardwalk was constructed at a June MSC project, but much was left to complete.

At the same time, a series of misunderstandings with Chippewa County left a different section of trail in the Harwood Lake Segment in a rough — and for a short time impassable — condition this summer due to a logging project. Chapter volunteers, who were focused on the Mudbrook project at the same time, struggled to keep this Trail section in minimally passable condition pending further County work.

At the same time, another location in the same project saw the logging contractor unexpectedly obliterate an area of Trail that then required rerouting as well. As the fall hiking season arrived, the Trail was hikable but rough in places, with more substantial reconstruction slated for spring.

In several of these cases, it was well-documented reports from hikers sent to chapter leaders that alerted them to the problems and enabled remedial action.

Between these projects that seemed like treading water, we were able to build and install several sturdy new benches along the Trail, including one creatively designed to blend into the new Mudbrook boardwalk as a memorial to long-time Trail volunteer Cal Kramer.

- Richard Smith

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Coordinator: Joe Jopek (715-623-2645, jjjopek@frontier.com)

A huge and appreciated highlight is the October 2018 Mobile Skills Crew project. 192 volunteers completed major trail work in Langlade County under most dire weather conditions.

After three years of “running in circles”, rerouting of the Old Railroad segment is complete due to the Mobile Skill Crew volunteer efforts and pre-event work by IATA staff with chapter members, Lee Auner, Adam Evans, Lloyd Godell and Sam Picone.

Additional local support of the project by the Antigo Rotary Club, Nick Salm, and the chapter’s “cookie crew” of Polly Blazek, Mary Brender, De De Cromer, Barb Godell, Peg Jopek and Christine Macklem are also deserving of praise. After project completion, Adam Evans and Lloyd Godell joined Don Belanger in removing trail markings from former sections of the segment.

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Recent Central Moraines Chapter activities have focused on building Trail support and preparation for trailbuilding events during 2019. Fall and winter hikes provided a preview of the reimagined Ringle Segment by using an existing ‘troad’ to link the current (1970s) Trail with freshly cleared corridor and a recently built, but not yet open, portion of the segment. Participants say they like what they’ve seen. Volunteers also helped a chainsaw-strike-force to clear a significant tangle of fallen trees, in preparation for new Trail.

Recent volunteer presentations have promoted the Trail at employee health fairs, a local Optimists club, and the UWSP Wausau Campus’s Good Ideas event in January. We hope an October hike for employees of Nueske’s Applewood Smokes Meats, thanking the company for their generous support of the Trail, was the first of many.

- Gail Piotrowski

PORTAGE COUNTY CHAPTER

Coordinator: Julie Schneider
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PORTAGE and WAUPACA COUNTIES

WAUPACA COUNTY CHAPTER

Coordinator: Debbie Krogwold (715-677-4974, wdkrogwold@wi-net.com)

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The Park’s erratic landscape and glacial formations provided the perfect setting! Thank you Terry!

The southern-most section of the Skunk and Foster Lakes Segment, closed for over two years, was reopened this fall! Numerous workdays clearing corridor, painting blazes, and installing posts have resulted in a really nice ‘new’ old Trail that crosses a drumlin and is dotted with erratics. We are very grateful to the landowners, Mark & Dawn Anderson, for their support in making this happen!

Early this summer, road construction along Foley Road resulted in the loss of the road-to-road connection of the Waupaca River Segment. Working with the landowner, Bob Faulk of Faulk’s Bros. Construction, Mike Kirk, one of our long-time Chapter members, marked out a new route to reconnect the Trail to Foley Road. Braving chilly temperatures and frozen ground, a crew of four cleared corridor, installed posts, and blazed. The Waupaca River Segment is again open and, from what I am told, sports a fantastic view of the drumlin north of Hwy 10! Thank you Mike, Bob, Rich and Ben! Another fall workday centered on tread repair to address erosion concerns in Hartman Creek State Park. Led by Phil Peterson, instruction was given on this step-by-step process. This work will continue into spring of 2019. Thank you Phil for your expertise!

Tree removal along the Trail continues! Wet ground, strong winds, weak trunks! Oh my! A never-ending job! A big thank you to our chainsaw crew, Dan Bartell, Darrel Ruechel, and Rich Roe for keeping the trails open and safe! Looking forward to 2019! Trail signage will be a major emphasis!

- Debbie Krogwold

WAUSHARA COUNTY CHAPTER

Coordinator: Jenny Addis
(715-249-5666, addisjenny@yahoo.com)

In late September, the Waushara County Chapter hosted its 2nd Ice Age Social at the Mt. Morris Mill & Coffee Shop, thanks to owners and members, Lyle and Beth Buettner. We had a great turn out with nearly 30 new and old friends in attendance. It was a perfect day to enjoy ice-cream and socialize on the deck while local musicians, Pat Connolly and Guy Kaplan, entertained all afternoon. We During the Old Railroad Segment MSC project, a billboard recognizing the Alliance’s 60th anniversary and the chapter’s 45 years of Trail activity appeared at the “World’s Only Sign Park” in downtown Antigo. Responsible for the special promotion were Dean and Polly Blazek and Jeanne Nowinsky and Gail Schroepfer, Northern Advertising’s staff. Photo by Joe Jopek.

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shared Ice Age Trail information, upcoming events, and a slideshow highlighting hikes and events hosted throughout the year. The event’s goal was to make new Trail friends and share what’s happening on the Trail in Waushara County. And, we did just that!

In October, we participated in Parkside School’s “Lights On” A+ After-School Program to promote healthy affordable recreation in Waushara County, surrounding areas, and the after-school program. We also celebrated our biggest accomplishment of the year, our 20th annual Fall Color Hike & Dog Walk! It was a crisp autumn day with the beauty of the season’s colors on the Deerfield Segment as the backdrop. Over 40 hikers and 15 four-legged friends, joined in the celebration. Thanks to chapter members and friends, John & Deanna Swanson, for hosting us in their neck of the Trail and Front Porch Pets, in Wild Rose, for donating doggie treats to all participating dogs.

We’ve had a successful and full year thanks to our dedicated supporters and volunteers. We are looking forward to a busy 2019 beginning with our most anticipated event of the year. Our 20th annual Candlelight Sweetheart Hike & Snowshoe event, scheduled for Saturday, February 9, 2019.

- Jenny Addis

LODI VALLEY CHAPTER
Coordinator: Joanna Fanney
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One highlight of our chapter’s final quarter of 2018 was the number of youth on the Trail. Within a two-week period in October we had 150 young people from the local schools, including a fourth grade class doing service learning, and a group of high school students who spent a day helping out on the Trail as part of their homecoming celebration. We appreciate the hard work and the enthusiasm of these youth groups and look forward to seeing them on the Trail again.

Fourth grade students working (and playing) hard on the Trail during a Service Learning Day hosted by the Lodi Valley Chapter. Photo by Bill Welch.

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- Debby Capener

MARQUETTE COUNTY CHAPTER
Coordinator: Gary Ertl
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BARABOO HILLS/HERITAGE TRAIL CHAPTER
Coordinator: Scot Harvey (608-335-2286, BarabooHillsHeritageChapter@iceagetrail.org)

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Work continues on the Steenbock Preserve to prepare for the controlled burns taking place in 2019, all part of the prairie restoration in progress. In addition to this work, monthly maintenance days focused on addressing erosion on the Gibraltar Rock Segment. Volunteers braved a snow squall and an early cold spell that left some of the ground too

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frozen to work on. The frame for the new kiosk has been installed at the Merrimac Ferry wayside, with content to be added in the months ahead. Chapter volunteers helped with the Fontana Fall Color Run, which brought trail runners out to enjoy the Trail and resulted in a donation to the Alliance. The Full Moon hikes continue to draw new participants, as do the monthly Tyke Hikes. The October Tyke Hike, with a theme of “Trick or Treat on the Trail,” was attended by almost 60 costumed tykes and 40 adults. A crowd is also expected for the December hike which will feature hot chocolate and cookies, as well as, a guest appearance by Santa Claus!

- Patti Herman

DAANE COUNTY CHAPTER

Co-Coordiinators: Anne Helsley-Marchbanks (608-231-3479) and James Luebke (970-723-9591) DaneCoChapter@icegetrail.org

Before we returned to our usual fall brush clearing and color hiking events, we had to recover from the record floods of late August in western Dane County. The new Glacial Valley Conservancy trail south of Cross Plain, built in the early August MSC project, was both high enough and well-designed enough to survive without damage. However, the Scheele Road southern Table Bluff trailhead sustained damage. Volunteers worked several week days in mid-September to build new boardwalk and repair several hundred feet of the old approach to the south bluff washed out by the flood.

The other major challenge was the boardwalk/puncheon we built in 2010 along Badger Mill Creek in Verona. Raging waters moved it off course. Most of the footings for the eight-foot deck trusses remained in place, so the trusses back in place to mesh with their adjoining trusses on either end. Despite voracious insect swarms, about a dozen volunteers, led by Dave Lonsdorf, finished the job in under four hours on September 15.

- David Jenkins

ROCK COUNTY CHAPTER

Coordinator: Dennis James (608-302-1885, RockCoChapter@icegetrail.org)

The Rock County Chapter had a great year. The Chapter reported 2,394.80 volunteer hours. We have four new partners in trail maintenance and promotion: UW Whitewater students, Cargill Animal Nutrition, Aptiv, and the Arbor Ridge Trail Runners group. The Rock River Charter School in Janesville continues to have students clear along the Kiwanis section of the Trail. Milton Wisconsin has become the 11th Trail Community. We’ve hosted several hikes of varying difficulties with the students from the Wisconsin School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, covering several grade levels. We are planning more outings with them in 2019. Work continued on the Croak Brewery along the Trail across from Mercy Hospital. More research in the history and archeology along the Trail is planned for 2019.

In 2019 work will be completed for the ARISE project in downtown Janesville. A highlight of the Downtown Square development is a new Ice Age Trail bridge along the Rock River. The Storrs Lake Segment continues to be problematic with high water next to Bowers Lake. Regardless, we have had intrepid hikers cross the high water and they thoroughly enjoyed that Trail segment. The Chapter received a donation from ABITEC Corporation allowing us to buy a tool trailer. The Chapter has joined Forward Janesville. This will bring the Chapter and the Alliance new grant opportunities and business connections. A number of Janesville and Rock County businesses have expressed interest in employee volunteer opportunities. As a Chapter we are working with other trail groups to enhance the opportunities for all volunteers and trail users.

- Dennis James

WALWORTH/JEFFERSON COUNTY CHAPTER

Coordinator: Andrew Whitney (262-949-0286, andywhitney1@yahoo.com)

Walworth-Jefferson County Chapter members enjoyed a camping weekend at Point Beach State Park, in September. We hosted a Fall Wildflower hike at Lulu Lake (a Nature Conservancy area), and participated in the filming of one of the Wednesday Weekly Walks by “Discover Wisconsin”. We also hosted a well-attended “This Land is Your Land” hike (rebranded from National Public Lands Day).

October’s group activities included a combination hike and brewery tour (Brooklyn Wildlife area and New Glarus Brewery, respectively). Chapter members, Theresa and Gerhard Stegmann, led a large group of 4-H members on a hike around Rice Lake. Additionally, the Chapter participated in the UW Whitewater Homecoming parade – particularly relevant since the University is now a Trail Campus to go along with the City of Whitewater being Ice Age Trail Community. We enjoyed our annual Chapter Pumpkin Carving/Potluck gathering and rounding out the last two weekends of the month, a UW Whitewater fraternity assisted with a major trail improvement project (moving gravel).

November and December were a bit less hectic, starting with members attending the Regional Rally in neighboring Rock County and later putting their heads together for the Annual Calendar Planning gathering (and potluck). Finally, at year’s end, the focus was on our Chapter participation in the local communities’ Christmas parades.

- Vince Lazzaroni

WAUKESHA/MILWAUKEE COUNTY CHAPTER

Co-Coordiinators: Barb Johnson (414-779-0996, barbjo@hotmail.com) and Robert Root (262-349-9339, rootco@msn.com)

The cold autumn, leading up to winter efforts at occasional hibernation, didn’t entirely deter hike leaders and trail improvement volunteers in the Waukesha/Milwaukee Chapter. 80 people turned out for a late October Moonlight hike in Hartland Marsh, where clouds hid the moon and a
roaring fire in the chimney at the John Muir Overlook warmed the hikers; 24 people hiked the Kewaskum Segment in Washington County at night in early November and enjoyed hot cocoa provided by REI; in early December volunteers cleared buckthorn and honeysuckle near a new commemorative bench in the Eagle Segment honoring hiker Jim Welch and two weeks later tackled the southern end of the Monches Segment. 

Our annual holiday party was held this year at the American Legion post in Delafield, where amid the socializing some conversation involved planning for the First Day hike at Lapham Peak to start the New Year right. Outreach events included the Halloween-flavored Fright Fest at Lapham Peak, the Ice Age Ale-flavored Pint Night at the Delafield Brewhouse, co-sponsored with REI, and the Breakfast with Reindeer event in Delafield. At our regular chapter meetings Cheri Briscoe informed us about the Oak Leaf Trail System and connecting trails in Milwaukee County and Scott Spoolman talked about the geology and history of Wisconsin State Parks. It was a pretty lively Ice Age autumn in these parts.

- Robert Root

WASHINGTON/OZAUKEE COUNTY CHAPTER

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LAKESHORE CHAPTER

Co-Coordinators: Dan Mitchell (920-497-8444) and Cheryl Gorsuch (920-860-1061)
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Our motto this year: Reroute, rebuild, build, move, remove, maintain, and protect. Beyond the usual 10+ miles of repeated mowing, we worked before and after the successful MSC projects in July and September along the half-mile easement from Walla Hi County Park to Lax Chapel easement. Many thanks to the hardy volunteers who dodged rain and mud to build “Slab Hill” and clear the field-side easement. September’s high winds and torrential rains caused hundreds of trees to fall all over the Northern Kettle Moraine’s campgrounds, roads, and trails. IATA sawyers and volunteers spent days (200 plus hours) clearing the Trail. The Park staff had even more to do unblocking roads, clearing campgrounds, and trails. Mother Nature was a little unkind this year. One 50-foot-long boardwalk was skewed 6” by flash flooding, requiring disassembly and reassembly to move back into place. A storm affected the Lake Michigan shoreline washing away beaches and filling in others downwind. (One of our 4x4 posts was found sticking up out of the sand half-mile south of where it used to be, which caused some confusion for hikers who tried to follow directions. So, what will next year’s weather bring?

Lakeshore Chapter members assisted by host of volunteers begin to clear the immense damage encountered in the Northern Kettle Moraine State Forest after high winds in September stormed through. Photo by Myron Hafele.

Lakeshore Chapter members with the assistance of City of Manitowoc volunteers, Friends of the Manitowoc River Watershed, WisCorp workers, Chapter members, and friends, rerouted part of the Trail through Henry Schuette Park, Manitowoc. The new section of trail offers open vistas overlooking the Manitowoc River, avoids the steep and slippery “tread,” and the deep, high steps on the southern end of the Trail. Photo by Dan Mitchell.
September 25 – December 31, 2018

THE IATA WELCOMES...

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Thank you to the 127 new members of the Ice Age Trail Alliance!

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Benjamin & Florence Rhodes
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Various co-workers of Cathy Boersma

Marge Lindemann
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by Connie Ott
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by Kathryn Moesch
Nancy Sullivan
Donald Morzenti
by Pearl Mary Goetsch
Cody Prchal
by Carol Prchal
Chris Shaffer
by Penny Bernard Schaber & Dale Schaber
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Troy Vosseller
Harold & Dora Wedde
by Dr. Karen Wedde
Pat & Harvey Wilmeth
by The Patricia Smith Wilmeth Fund of the Greater Milwaukee Foundation
Kathleen Wroblewski
by The Wisconsin Go Hiking Club
$140,000+
Bob & Vicky Connors

$50,000 - $75,000
Debbie Cervenka
Lyle Lidholm
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$24,000 – $31,000
National Park Foundation
National Park Service via
The Outdoor Foundation

$15,000 – $20,000
Chet & Eloise Anderson
Great Northern Landholding and
Mining Company
The Estate of Madeline Kanner
Schlecht Family Foundation
Anonymous

$10,000 – $13,000
Ellen Drought
Dan & Natalie Erdman
Madison Gas & Electric Foundation
John Mesching & Kris Jensen
Joan Miller
Fred & Karen Wollenburg
Anonymous (3)

$5,000 – $9,950
Bess & Bernard Alberg
Antigo Rotary Club
Natalie Beckwith
The Estate of Lieselott Buettner
Kathy Claude
Virginia Coburn
Barbara & Jerome Converse
Edward & Lois Drott Legacy Fund
of the Community Foundation of
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Anthony & Nancy Schuster
Lee & Jacqui Swanson
Elizabeth A. Ulhein
West Foundation
Wigwam, Sheboygan
Wisconsin Farm Technology Days
Anonymous

$3,000 – $4,500
ABITEC Corporation, Janesville
American Transmission Company

Fontana Sports, Madison
Mary Hertel & Family
Mary & Nathan Kempf
Kohl’s Department Stores
Dan & Paula Jarezensky
David Lonsdorf & Marilyn Chohaney
Eugene & Debra Kiedinger
David & Lois Lovejoy
Bob Lange
Patagonia
Dolly McNulty
Ann & Robert Rusch
Nancy Peterson & Jason Jentzsch
Jen & John Shank
Emily Potter
We Energies Foundation
Seek Dry Goods, Hartland
Gary Werner
Barbara & Richard Voigt
Anonymous

$2,000 – $2,600
Aliant Energy Foundation
Jeff & Judy Archibald
Badgerland Striders Running Club
The John & Melissa Besse Foundation
Cohen & Company, Milwaukee
Ellen & Michael Comiskey
Connexus Association, Wausau
Connexus Credit Union, Wausau
Dale & Melinda Egeberg
Dalek & Donna Halfmann
Dwight & Donna Halfmann
Kelly Hatch
Joe Hebdia
Patti Herman & Bill Welch
Stephen Huffman & Ellen Meyer
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Pat Klett
Terry Kohler Family Foundation
Cynthia & Scott Kuenzi
Edward & Sue Ellen Madere
John & Bonnie Meerschaert
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Charles & Carolyn Mowbray
Carol Perkins
David Phillips
PPC Foundation, New Berlin
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Sauk Prairie Healthcare Foundation
Patricia Smith Wilmeth Fund of the
Greater Milwaukee Foundation
Sandy & David Street
Antony Stretton
Tom & Bonnie Umhoefer
Sally Wilmeth & Terry Geurkink Family
Fund of the Madison Community
Foundation
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Janet K. Zimmerman Fund of the
Madison Community Foundation
Anonymous (2)

$1,500 – $1,900
Craig Benson
John & Sharon Bloodgood
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Spencer & Sarah Schumacher
Terry Sherven
Shopko Foundation
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Ronald R. Smith & Paulette Walker
Smith
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Betty A. Storey
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The Shoe Box, Black Earth
Thrivent Financial
Dennis & Jan Thrusius
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Wm. Van Haren
Gerard Viste
William Vogel
Troy Vosseller
Dr. Karen Wedde
Andrew Whitney
Wisconsin Friends of John Muir
Matthew Wolff
Dr. Allen Young
Anonymous (2)

$750 – $950
American Family Insurance
Arbor Ridge
Jeffrey Beiriger
Betty Craig & Bob Gurda
Friends of Scenic Lodi Valley
GE Foundation
Evan D. & Jack H. Keck Foundation
Mohammad Kiarang
David Klabunde
John R. Kolbe
Edith & Robert Korn
Christer Maass & Terry Rindt
Rob Malewicki
Tess Mulrooney
Dean & Jayne Paynter
Tim Powell
Stephen & Barbara Romberger
Pat & Gary Witkowski

$500 – $700
David & Kathy Adam
Douglas Arnold
Rick & Paula Barnes
Donald Berg
Roberta & Rick Ble
Sean Bina
Wayne Block
BMO Harris Bank
Brady Corporation Foundation,
Milwaukee
Rebecca Burton
Eve Collard
Joel Crane
Robert & Sally Decker
Lisa & Mike DeLane
Dale Eckstrom
Ron Endres
George Florian
James & Sherree Funk
Doug Galaszewski
David & Jeanie Georgson
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James Golz
Glenn Grothman
Dr. Kurt Hansen
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SD Harvey Group, LLC
Kathleen Hornemann
Anna Huttenlocher & Andrew Bent
Jones Dairy Farm, Fort Atkinson
Kimberly Clark Foundation
Joanne Kline
Dean & Mary Klinger
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Joan V. LeGare-Hansen & Jack Hansen
James Leist
Elsebet Lund
Alfred Lustig & Janice Watson
Kimberly Mast
Shirley Miller
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Susan D. Mischler
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Tyson Mueller
Bob Novy & Jan Froelich
Nueske’s, Wittenberg
Ryan Petersen
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Michael Pritchard
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Haily Rubesch
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Mary & Michael Smaby
Kimberly Stepien & Andy Maulbetsch
Dr. John D. & Deanna Swanson
Janet Tupy
U.S. Bank Foundation
Varian Medical Systems
Wegner CPAs, Madison
Harold Werth
Cheryl Wessel
Timothy & Cynthia Wick
Tom & Bonnie Wise
Suzanne & Mitchell Wolf
Kim Zak & Dick Groves
Anonymous (2)

$300 – $490
Amazon
Gary Belling
Doug & Michelle Booher
James Brenner
Sherren Clark
Clasen Quality Chocolate, Madison
Jim Cousin
Crossroads Coffeehouse, Cross Plains
Jackie Czehno & John Singer
Nancy Daly
Delafield Brewhaus
Mary & David Drewes
Laurie Erickson
Pamela & Gary Gates
Ann & Christopher Green
Paul & Wendy Greeney
Adam Hayes
Ellen Hooker
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Kevin Mahaney
Charles Mayhew III
Ruth & Paul Meyer
Kathryn Moesch
Landon S. & Lisa Naffin
Sharol Navarre
Optimist Club of Lodi
Oracle Corporation
Gary & Hedda Patzke
Anne Petty
Mr. George Purcell
Nancy Reschke
Michael Riggis
Maureen Schuck
Beth Shimmyo
Stevens Point Area Co-Op
Lars Townsend
Judy & David Weiss
Donald Williams
Janet & Levi Wood
Kelly Worblewski
Xcel Energy Foundation
Anonymous

$250 – $290
3M Foundation
David Almeida
Holly Audley
Angela Barbera
Kate & Paul Barbour
John F. Barker
Edward C. Berry, Jr.
Brian Blesi
Jeff & Anne Boston
Lorraine Bradley
Dave & Barbara Bryce
Tom Busse
Caterpillar Foundation

Philip Chard
Laura Cominetti & Steve Richter
Joe & Joanne Cox
Deborah Crane
Mark & Barbara Crapster-Pregont
Eric Daub
Leslie Davis
Julie & Rick Diermeier
Jeff, Shelly & Ben Dohiby
Tom & Bette Drought
William Eastham
Lynn Eschenburg
David & Sara Fahey
First United Methodist Church,
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William E. Fisher
Randi & Carol Franke
Robert Freckmann
Richard A. Georg, Jr.
Dennis & Noreen Gilberts
Gary Golpen
Kenneth Graupner
Greg & Lu Griswold
Jacqueline Groves
Steve & Elaine Hathaway
Jo Ann Havel
Ron Heinrich
John & Rosmarie Helling
Meghan & Dean Hessler
Sandra & John Heyer
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Charles & Tammy Hodulik
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Tricia & Karl Kissinger
Steve & Kirsten Klug
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Debbie & Wayne Krogwold
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James Luebke
Tony Lundberg
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Linda Maitrejean
Mary Maselter
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Karen Wegner & Paul Vastag
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Joseph & Jan Zuercher
Anonymous
The land trust accreditation program recognizes land conservation organizations that meet national quality standards for protecting important natural places and working lands forever.

The **Ice Age Trail Alliance** is pleased to announce it is applying for **renewal of accreditation**. A public comment period is now open.

The Land Trust Accreditation Commission, an independent program of the Land Trust Alliance, conducts an extensive review of each applicant’s policies and programs. “The rigorous accreditation and renewal process ensures we’ve satisfied a specific set of criteria as a land conservation organization,” said IATA Executive Director Mike Wollmer. “As an accredited organization, the Alliance continues to demonstrate credibility with its current and future donors, partners and supporters.”

These standards address the ethical and technical operation of a land trust. For the full list of standards see [http://www.landtrustaccreditation.org/help-and-resources/indicator-practices](http://www.landtrustaccreditation.org/help-and-resources/indicator-practices).

The Commission invites public input and accepts signed, written comments on pending applications. Comments must relate to how the Ice Age Trail Alliance complies with national quality standards.

To learn more about the accreditation program visit [www.landtrustaccreditation.org](http://www.landtrustaccreditation.org).

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**DEADLINE:** Comments regarding the Ice Age Trail Alliance’s adherence to the standards (referenced in the left-hand column) will be incorporated as part of our application for land trust accreditation renewal. Comments are due by April 20, 2019. Please use one of the formats listed above.