

The Crab Orchard Greenway (COG)

The Vision: A continuous, regional multi-use trail along the IL 13 corridor providing recreation and alternative transportation opportunities to the communities of Marion, Herrin, Crainville, Carterville and Carbondale as well as the Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge.



--- Existing or funded Multi-Use Trail

--- Proposed Multi-Use Trail

The **Crab Orchard Greenway (COG)** is a proposed Multi-Use Trail that will run generally parallel to IL 13 between Marion and Carbondale. Substantial progress on the trail has been made in recent years with the funding of a segment across the John A. Logan Campus and construction of trail segments from Giant City Road to Reed Station Road, Greenbrier Road to the Crab Orchard Campground and Division Street to Fleming Drive.

IDOT's Multi-Year Program also includes funding to fill in the gap from Reed Station Road to the Crab Orchard Campground. Notably, this segment includes funding for dedicated bike and pedestrian structures across Crab Orchard Lake. Providing access across the Lake is a crucial element in the viability of the **COG** and the funding of this segment provides a tremendous opportunity to make the complete project a reality.

The proposed **Crab Orchard Greenway** has the potential to be a major attraction for the region as well as a convenient resource for exercise and recreation for all the communities along the IL 13 Corridor. In addition, the **COG** will provide access to the Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge and the Historical Village on the John A. College Campus.

The **COG** will also provide a safe space for non-motorized transportation. Jackson and Williamson Counties have high poverty rates and IL 13 (ADT = 35,000 & speed limit= 55 mph) is an important transportation link that hosts many commercial areas where low income workers walk or bike to work or school. This path will help remove pedestrians, wheelchairs, and bicycling from the IL 13 shoulder and will provide a safe transportation alternative for local residents to access jobs or school creating a more equitable transportation infrastructure.

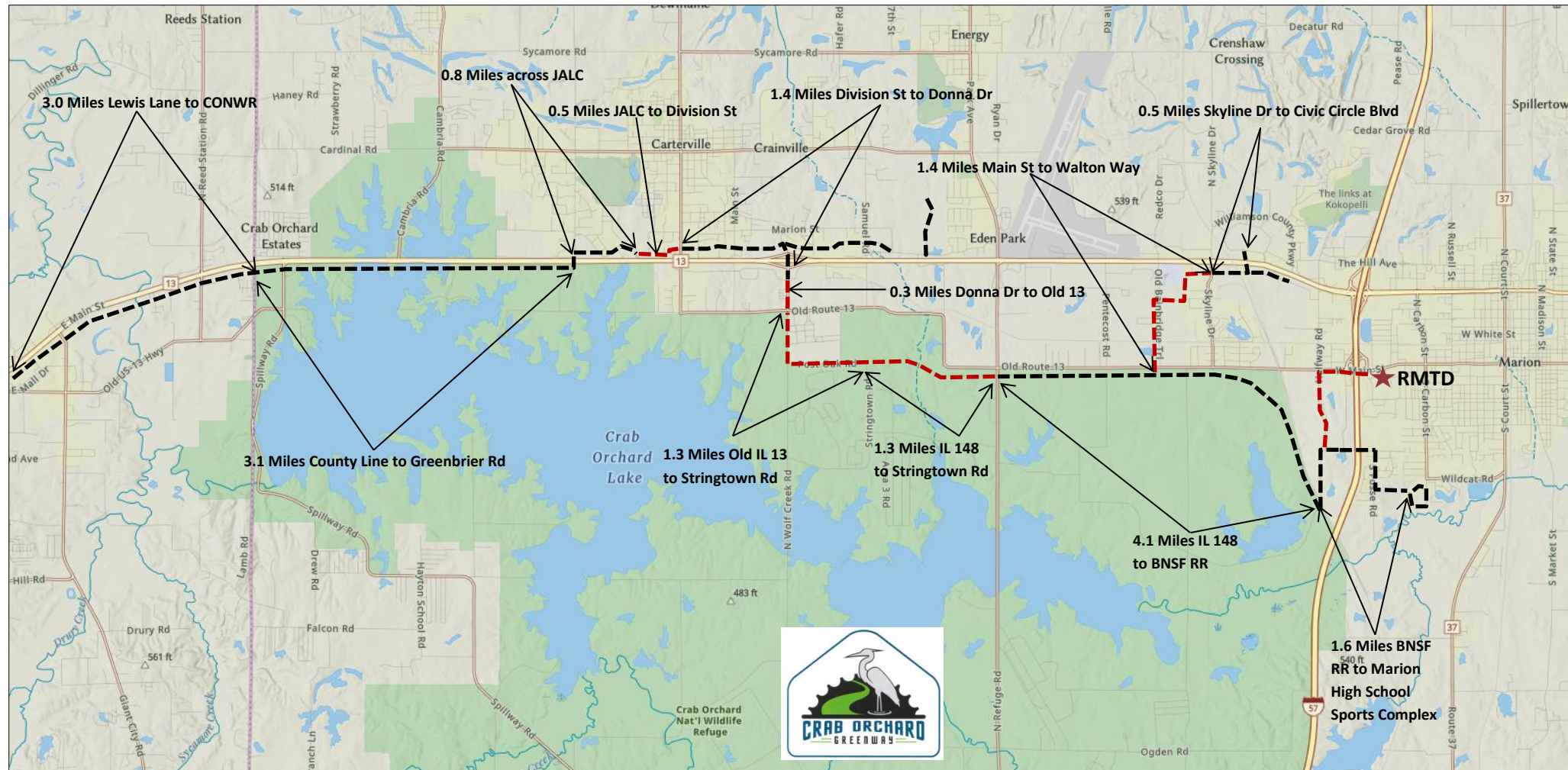


The COG Trail Summary

- **17.1 Miles** - Lewis Lane in Carbondale to Marion High School Sports Complex
- **9.8 Miles** within the Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge (CONWR)
- **13.7 Miles** of trail is complete or funded
- **1.4 mile spur** from Main Street to Walton Way is also proposed
- **1.3 mile spur** from Westminster to Main St connecting Rides Mass transit
- **Includes overpasses** of IL 13 (Wolf Creek Overpass) and I-57 (West Minster)
- The **COG** would provide access to **8 miles** of low volume paved roadways within CONWR for additional cycling and wildlife viewing

Points of Interest

- Marion High School Sports Complex
- CONWR Visitor's Center
- Crab Orchard Lake, Campground and Beach
- Greenbrier and Pigeon Creek Recreation Areas
- JALC Historical Village & Fitness Center
- The Haven (Day Use lodge for Veterans)
- Wolf Creek Overpass
- Commercial Districts of Carbondale, Carterville and Marion
- Veteran's Airport of Southern Illinois
- Numerous Restaurants
- Rides Mass Transit Park-and-Ride and Transfer Center



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