

# DANE COUNTY PARKS

INFORMATION & EVENTS NEWSLETTER

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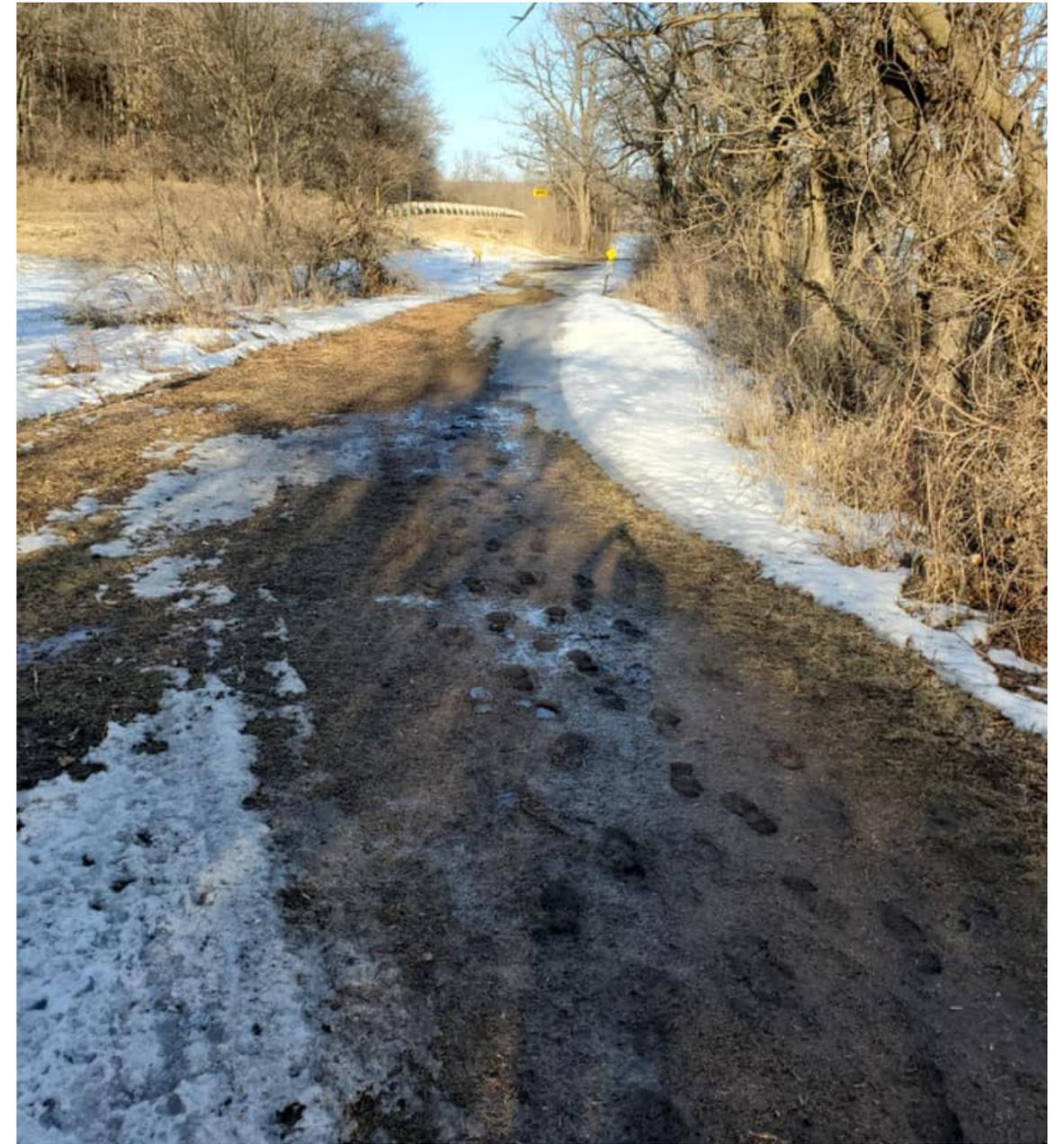
**Tenney Park Lock and Dam**  
*Robert Bertera Photography*

# HELP PROTECT TRAILS

Visitor use of the county parks, trails and natural resource areas is at an all-time high, but the spring thaw period combined with high use can have long-term impacts, especially on hiking trails. The warmer weather will start to bring out ground frost, making park lands and some facilities susceptible to damage. Some county parks, or portions of county parks, may be temporarily closed to help protect these areas.

If we can reduce the damages at this time of year, it reduces our maintenance costs and allows us to provide better services throughout the rest of the year. After a few spring rains and drying winds, the ground will firm up and these areas will be reopened.

[Temporary closures](#) will be listed on our website.



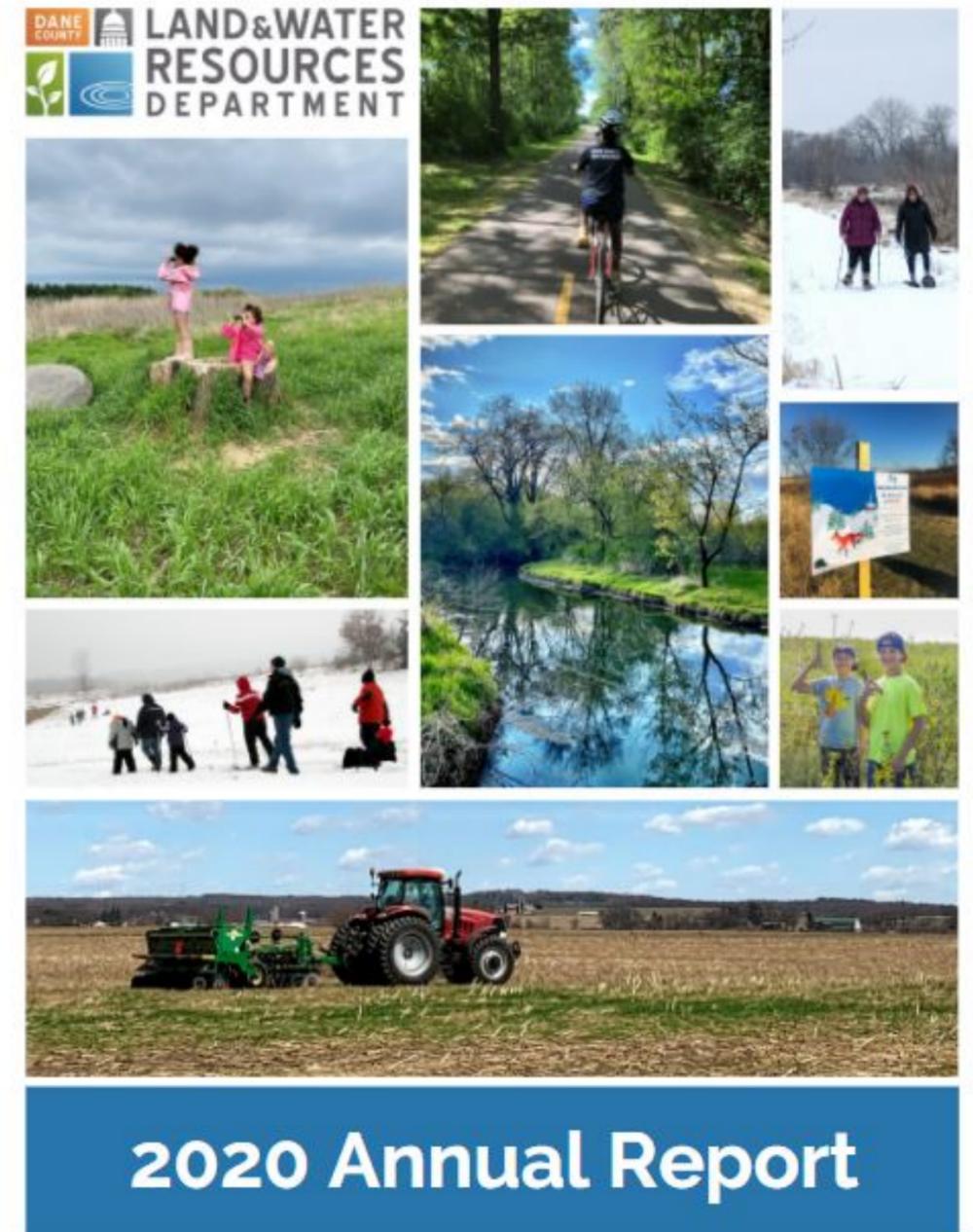
# ANNUAL REPORT

2020 was a busy year for our parks!

We saw at least a **25% increase in visitors**, welcoming approximately **4 million people** to our parks. We also made progress on a number of new projects.

Check out what we've been up to in our department's Annual Report linked below!

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# JOIN OUR TEAM!

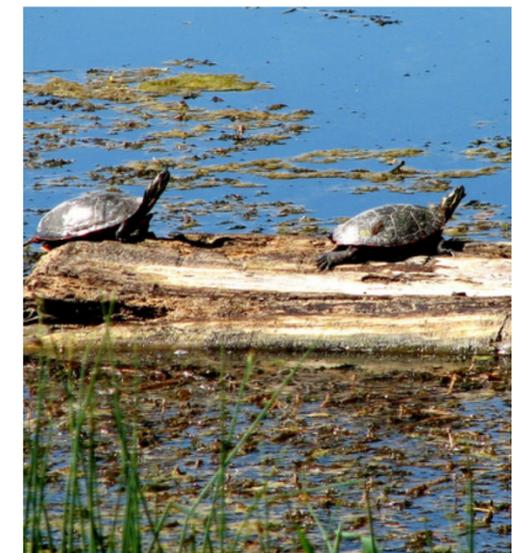
## We're hiring summer seasonal staff!

We currently have five positions (each with multiple openings) posted:

- LTE Park Laborer
- LTE County Park Attendant
- LTE County Park Ranger Cadet
- LTE County Parks Maintenance Crew I
- LTE County Parks Maintenance Crew II

Visit the Dane County Job Openings website and search for these job titles to find descriptions or apply.

[Learn More](#)



# SCAVENGER HUNT

Spring is just around the corner! To celebrate we have put up a new scavenger hunt, in English and in Spanish.

Start by the [Capital City Trail parking lot](#) (across the street from the Heritage Center) and head west. We have put up 10 signs each with a secret word. Find all ten words to uncover a secret phrase. Email the secret phrase to us the Heritage Center to win a prize!

Email: [heritagecenter@countyofdane.com](mailto:heritagecenter@countyofdane.com)



**Nature Notes**

from the Lussier Family Heritage Center  
a Dane County Parks Facility

# PLANT DANE!

The Plant Dane plant sale is accepting orders through March 21st. You can choose from 40+ native plants species or select a butterfly, rain garden or medicinal prairie garden kits. The cost is only \$2.25/plant.

Don't have room in your yard? You can also **donate plants** to local school and community projects through this website. Eighteen local groups submitted projects and are hoping for plant donations including two of our park Friends groups:

- Friends of Capital Springs Recreation Area (8% funded)
- Friends of Pheasant Branch Conservancy (28% funded)

[Learn More](#)

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# TRANSPORTATION STORIES

Madison Metro is redesigning several bus routes later this year. We have teamed up with the Sierra Club Four Lakes Chapter to gather stories from the public about where bus transportation access to parks could be improved.

If you have ever had trouble getting to a park or trail in Dane County due to limited or nonexistent bus access then we would love to hear your story!

We hope to compile these stories and work with Madison Metro to see where bus lines could be improved or expanded to help the public reach certain parks.

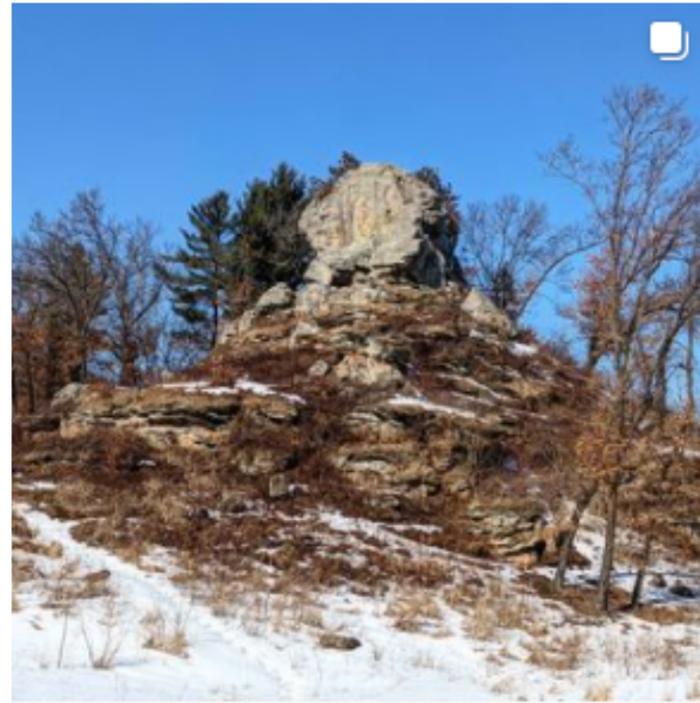
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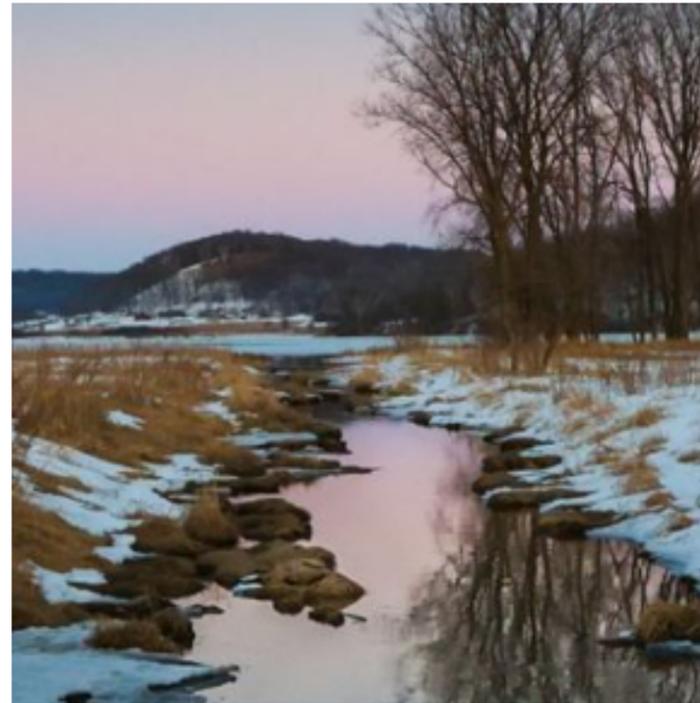
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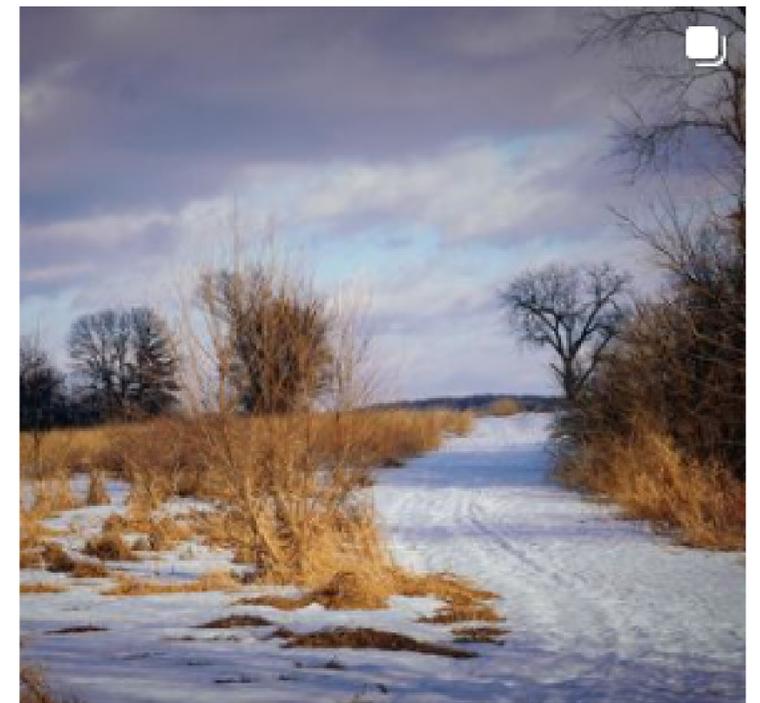
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