

The Clinton River Trail and You

by the Friends of the Clinton River Trail

Mission

- ~ A group of residents committed to the vision of a trail that is a safe and enjoyable recreational feature for the communities through which it passes.



Clinton River Trail: A Collaborative Effort

- ~ Friends Group established 2003;
450+ members today
- ~ Trail Master Plan adopted 2004
- ~ Each city owns & operates their section of
the trail—4.5 miles in Rochester Hills
- ~ Coordination via Clinton River Trail Alliance;
a representative from each city, the County
and the FCRT meet monthly
- ~ Approximately 12.5 miles of 16-mile route
completed



five
communities

Remaining Infrastructure Gaps

- ~ Telegraph Road Bridge [Pontiac Phase III]
 - ~ Construction to start in spring 2010
- ~ Pontiac Phase IV – Downtown to Opdyke
 - ~ 3.5 mile Temporary Route in place via South Blvd.
 - ~ Phase II, 1.2 mile link to downtown: completed 2009
- ~ Crossing Improvements
 - ~ Orchard Lake Rd, Old Telegraph, Crooks, Dequindre



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The Clinton River Trail is a rail-trail stretching across 16 miles of central Oakland County. The CRT is a key link in the development of trail networks in Oakland County as well as Michigan. The Friends of the Clinton River Trail is a group of residents committed to the vision of a trail that is safe and enjoyable recreational feature for the communities through which it passes—Sylvan Lake, Pontiac, Auburn Hills, Rochester Hills and the City of Rochester.

Next meeting:
Tuesday, March 30, 7:00 PM • Auburn Hills Community Center (click for directions)

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Clinton River Trail trailways
A NEWSLETTER FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE CLINTON RIVER TRAIL • SPRING 2010

the trailhead

by Dan Keller
President, Friends of the Clinton River Trail

Welcome to another season on the Clinton River Trail! This newsletter is our way of sharing the latest progress being made to transform the Clinton River Trail into a first-class trail.

You'll find a lot of good news in this issue. The funding for some long cherished projects has been secured. Construction will be underway soon to start filling some of the trail's last remaining gaps. Thanks to the efforts of many, a good sense of partnership and a whole lot of patience, the day keeps getting nearer when we will see a 100% completed trail route for 16 miles from the West Branch of the Clinton River to the Macomb Orchard Trail. Combined with the Saint Croix Trail, that's a trail network of more than 50 miles to enjoy...how about that for being in the midst of heavily populated metropolitan Detroit!

The goal of the Friends of the Clinton River Trail (FCRT) is the same today as it was 18 years ago when the group began: We are a group of residents committed to the vision of a trail that is safe and enjoyable recreational feature for the communities through which it passes. Our vision is a top-quality, first-class trail...one that is used by local residents...as well as a "landmark" for trail enthusiasts from across the state and farther. We want the Clinton River Trail to have that "Wow!" factor that makes it enjoyable time and time again.

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a bridge to the future

Telegraph Trail Bridge Funded
Construction anticipated for 2010

Big news: The City of Pontiac has been awarded a \$2.1 million stimulus grant through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to construct a pedestrian bridge over Telegraph Road. This bridge, spanning six lanes of busy traffic, will complete a major link in the Clinton River Trail. The construction start date for the project has not yet been announced but it is expected to take place in 2010.

Pontiac also expects to start construction of its Phase II section of the Clinton River Trail in August. The Phase II route is a 1.2 mile section of the trail from Bagley Street through the downtown area terminating at East Woodward and M-59. The City received an MICHIGAN grant in the amount of \$300,576 for this project which is estimated to cost \$452,424. Take a look at the map of this new section, as well as other developments in the City of Pontiac, on page six.

The temporary trail route along South Boulevard in Pontiac is currently closed due to construction. Pontiac officials estimate that trail users will be able to access the temporary route by June 30. A possible alternate cycling route through Pontiac, from east to west, is Cypriote Road north to Auburn Avenue, Auburn west to East Woodward, East Woodward north to Jackson Street, Jackson Street west to West Woodward, West Woodward north to Orchard Lake Road, Orchard Lake Road west to Bagley Street, Bagley Street south to the trail.



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What We're Working On



A Desired “Look and Feel” for the Trail

Not This!



The current “gateway” to the trail in Sylvan Lake

What We're Working On

Maintaining One Trail thru Five Cities

**Our Goal: Make the Clinton River Trail
a “World Class” Trail**

Thank You

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