Proposed Indiana-Michigan River Valley Trail

YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED!

In 2013-2014 approximately $100,000 is needed from local sources to match state grants totaling $700,000. This funding will complete Niles Township’s Phase I project from the state line to Brandywine Creek Nature Preserve (just north of US12). When completed the IN-MI River Valley Trail will be a 34-mile continuous off-road trail between Niles, MI and Mishawaka, IN.

Help Make the Indiana-Michigan River Valley Trail A Reality!

Make your check payable to Michigan Community Gateway Foundation. Be sure to list Indiana-Michigan River Valley Trail in the memo line. Your donation is tax deductible to the full extent of the law (IRS Publication 526). Donations can be sent to:

Michigan Community Gateway Foundation
Attention: Niles Township Trail Donation
111 Days Avenue
Buchanan, MI 49107

Donation Amount $___________________

Donor Information
Name:______________________________
Address:_________________________________________________________________
Email:______________________________
Phone Number: _______________________

If you have questions, please contact Niles Charter Township Park Commissioner, Harry Thibault at (574) 292-1175.

www.swmpc.org/INMItrail.asp
Why Should You Support the Indiana-Michigan River Valley Trail?

- You want to walk, run or bike in a safe place.
- You want a connected trail system for future generations.
- You believe in the importance of a trail to enhance the overall quality of life.
- You are passionate about free recreational opportunities available to everyone.
- You believe in sustainable transportation.

If you answered “yes” to any of the above, we want you to contribute to the campaign today! Your tax-free donation will be combined with others to leverage local, state and federal government dollars. This bi-state trail project cannot become reality without community support. Thank you!

~Anticipated Benefits of the IN-MI River Valley Trail~

Support Local Economy and Businesses

Michigan studies show that out of town trail users spend anywhere from $949 to $1,269 on lodging, restaurant, groceries, gas and equipment per trip. The average annual use of six Michigan trails was 92,000 uses. This equates to a significant amount of spending from trail users!

In 2000, a bike event in Bloomington, Indiana drew in 5,000 riders contributing over $1 million to the local economy in just lodging and food expenditures. The 2005 Indiana Bike Fest in Jasper attracted 250 bringing $120,000 to the local economy.

Increase Property Values

Realtors indicated that homes along the Paint Creek Trail (Michigan) sell for about 10% more than comparable homes “off the trail.”

A 1999 study of home sales in Indianapolis, IN found that homes along greenways sold for as much as 10% more.