



Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission

NOTICE OF MEETING

Date: June 14, 2022

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Location: Washtenaw County Learning Resource Center, 4135 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor, MI 48108

AGENDA

- 1. *Call to Order / Moment of Silence***
- 2. *Pledge of Allegiance***
- 3. *Approval of the Minutes***
 - A. May 10, 2022 Meeting (attached, pp. 1-4 /action item)
- 4. *Public Comment***
- 5. *Closed Session***
 - A. WCPARC v. Vortex Aquatics Structures International, Inc.
- 6. *Communications, Projects & Activities*** (attached, pp. 5-27 /action item)
- 7. *Financial & Recreation Reports – May 2022***
 - A. Financial Reports (attached, pp. 28-30 /action item)
 - B. Recreation Reports (attached, pp. 31-37 /action item)
- 8. *Old Business***
 - A. NAPP Outreach Opportunities (presentation)
 - B. Other Old Business
- 9. *New Business***
 - A. B2B Wayfinding – Contract Award (attached, pp. 38-41 /action item)
 - B. Other New Business
- 10. *Commissioners / Directors Comments***
- 11. *Adjournment***

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Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: May 10, 2022

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Location: Washtenaw County Learning Resource Center, 4135 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor, MI

Members Present: Patricia Scribner, WCPARC President, Janis Bobrin, WCPARC Vice President; Dan Ezekiel, Secretary; Ricky Jefferson; JoAnn McCollum, Sue Shink, Brenda McKinney, and Evan Pratt.

Members Absent: Robert Joerg, Robert Marans

Staff Present: Coy Vaughn, Director; Meghan Bonfiglio, Deputy Director; Ginny Leikam, Superintendent of Park Planning and Natural Areas; Jason Brooks, Manager of Finance and Administration (attending remotely); Hannah Cooley, Management Analyst; Rosie Pahl Donaldson, Park Planner (attending remotely); Peter Sanderson, Project Manager.

1. Call to Order

Ms. Scribner called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the April 12, 2022 regular meeting were included with the agenda material.

It was moved by Mr. Bobrin and seconded by Ms. McKinney to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2022, regular meeting. All ayes, the motion was approved.

4. Public Comment

Faye Stoner, Webster Township, requested that WCPARC always deeply consider the natural features that will be impacted. She came away from educational sessions knowing that she wanted to do more with the land and resources under the management of WCPARC. Ms. Stoner requested that nature be allowed to run these spaces.

Rita Clinthorne, Scio Township Parks Advisory Board, requested that WCPARC really pay attention to the future of natural areas and parks properties, including setting precedent that can be used by advisory boards around the County. She specifically noted that erosion around bike paths is often missed when decisions are being made. She also thanked the WCPARC members for their service.

Jeff Sweeney, Superior Township resident, mentioned a spot at Swift Run Dog Park where antifreeze may have been present and asked which party would be responsible for that issue. He also wondered if there is a pesticide that can be used to alleviate the tick season. Mr. Sweeney requested a dog park for Superior Township and specifically referenced the neighborhood at the southwest corner of Prospect and Geddes.

5. Communications, Projects & Activities

Mr. Vaughn reported on the April communications which were included in the packet and provided a presentation summarizing the projects, programs, and events for the month.

Ms. Krueger included an update to address concerns raised regarding grassland birds at Staebler Farm County Park and other parks and preserves.

It was moved by Mr. Ezekiel and seconded by Ms. McKinney to accept and file the Communications, Projects & Activities for the month of April 2022, as submitted. All ayes, the motion was approved.

6. Financial & Recreation Reports – April 2022

A. Financial Reports

Mr. Brooks reported on the financials and stated that the total for the claims for the month of April was \$1,026,794.17. He also provided an update on the Parks fund and NAPP funds.

It was moved by Ms. McKinney and seconded by Ms. McCollum to accept and file the Financial Reports for the month of April 2022 as submitted. All ayes, the motion was approved.

B. Recreation Reports

Mr. Brooks presented the Recreation Reports for the month of April 2022 for all park facilities.

Mr. Ezekiel requested that 2019 be added to reports in the future to provide context as revenues recover from the pandemic.

It was moved by Ms. Bobrin and seconded by Mr. Pratt to accept and file the Recreation Reports for the month of April 2022 as submitted. All ayes, the motion was approved.

7. Old Business

A. Zeeb to Delhi B2B Updates

Mr. Sanderson provided an update on Zeeb to Delhi B2B segment of the Border-to-Border Trail. He reported that the low bid on this project came back about 15% higher than engineers estimated which is not outside of the norm in this market. Mr. Sanderson also provided Construction Engineering costs totaling \$710,063 and when added to the construction expenses, puts a total cost of \$2.44M on the WCPARC portion of the project. The total project cost for this segment of trail is \$5.44M and the remaining funding was provided through TAP grants (\$2M) and HWPI (\$1M).

B. Other Old Business

None.

8. New Business

A. NAPP – Naming Lost Wagon Lake Preserve

Ms. Krueger provided background on the naming inspiration for land recently acquired by WCPARC which included a story about a wagon lost in the marshy land of the new preserve.

Moved by Ms. McKinney, seconded by Mr. Ezekiel to name the project *Lost Wagon Lake Preserve*. All ayes, the motion was approved.

B. Ducks Unlimited & USFWS Restoration

Ms. Krueger provided background on restoration needs for the newly named Lost Wagon Lake Preserve and reported that a phased approach would be used for stewardship. Ms. Krueger provided a detailed plan for restoration of the preserve which includes approximately 30 acres of grassland.

Moved by Mr. Ezekiel, seconded by Ms. McCollum to continue the partnership to restore grasslands and wetlands at Lost Wagon Lake Preserve as presented and authorize approval of the Landowner Agreement when prepared. All ayes, the motion was approved.

C. NAPP - Phinney Sales Contract

Ms. Pahl Donaldson provided an overview of the purchase of the Phinney property which is located near Cavanaugh Lake County Park. She also reported that there is support from Sharon Township for protection of this property. Ms. Bonfiglio added that there is an adjacent parking lot at Cavanaugh Lake County Park which negates the need to develop a new parking lot.

Moved by Ms. McCollum, seconded by Ms. McKinney to authorize preparation of a sales contract in the amount of \$258,000, to be adjusted on a per-acre basis by the surveyed acreage, for the fee simple purchase of the Phinney property in Sylvan Township as described, contingent upon completion of all necessary due diligence investigation and final approval by the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission. All ayes, the motion was approved.

D. Other New Business

None.

9. Commissioners/Directors Comments

Mr. Vaughn provided an update on the puddles mentioned earlier at Swift Run Dog Park which are now being tested by the City of Ann Arbor due to the land being located on a prior landfill.

At Park Lyndon passthrough for mountain bikes, there is opposing feedback from neighbors that continues to be received. He reported that he would follow up with the Commission with an update on how a Lyndon Township community meeting goes.

Mr. Vaughn provided an update on the Miller-Smith B2B project and confirmed that an alternate route is currently being investigated.

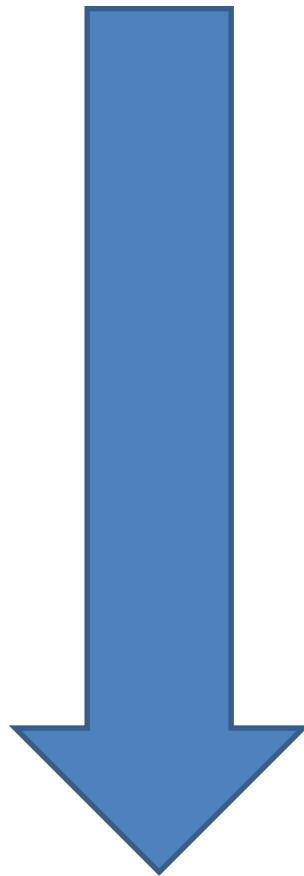
Ms. McCollum thanked the public for their comments on the need for vetting environmental concerns for any project done by WCPARC and also the comments made about Swift Run Dog Park.

10. Adjournment

It was moved by Ms. McCollum and seconded by Mr. Jefferson to adjourn the meeting. All ayes.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:34 p.m.

Communications, Projects & Activities



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A new trail connection plan in Lyndon Township



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Some changes are expected to come to Park Lyndon.

A project called the “Park Lyndon DNR Trail Connection” is planned for the park that is located off of North Territorial Road in Lyndon Township.

The park is part of the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation system, and it has a north and south area.

A presentation about the project was given to the Lyndon Township Board at its May 10 meeting. The township board heard from representatives of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation.

The Sun Times News first heard of the plan through the meeting wrap-up notes put together by township board member Tim Eder, who wrote they heard about a plan to open new sections of existing trails on state land and in Park Lyndon to mountain biking.

bike route.

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These two groups have been leading the project and process to identify the route, challenges and solutions.

According to the presentation, the original proposal was to open 6.5 miles of the Waterloo-Pinckney Trail (WPT), which was historically only open to foot traffic.

The WPT traverses Park Lyndon (North and South).



According to the presentation, the Poto Trail (18 miles) has been open to mountain bike traffic for more than 30 years, and currently overlaps about 6 miles of the WPT, while the DTE Trail (22 Miles) opened in 2015 and is bike optimized, but shared use with foot traffic.

The proposed connector route would begin at the Poto and WPT intersection, and then take the WPT southwest to Embury Road and then diverge from WPT and take Embury Road south to N. Territorial Road at Park Lyndon.

From there, it would traverse the eastern portion of Park Lyndon South and rejoin the WPT. With a minor reroute on DNR property, that trail would then connect to the Border-to-Border (B2B) trail at the M-52 tunnel, and then from there traverse the B2B trail on to the DTE Trail.

The presentation said the proposed changes to Park Lyndon would include 200-300 feet of new single-track trail to connect to Embury Road, crossing and safety signs at N. Territorial as well as revisions to Park Lyndon signs, such as updating the trail

Meghan E. Bonfiglio

From: Kelsey Dehring
Sent: Tuesday, June 7, 2022 10:37 AM
To: Meghan E. Bonfiglio; Coy Vaughn; Ryan Henyard; Ginny L. Leikam
Subject: FW: Birding walk with Ryan

I know I like to save nice emails I get. Ryan, just in case you are similar here are one of the emails I got. Looks like you are building a group of followers for your programs.

Also, so to not bombard you all with a bunch of emails, here is a quote from a second email I got.

*"Hi Kelsey.
Very good birding walk/sit at Trinkle March. Very Fun!*

Beth"

Thanks,
Kelsey

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From: John Hritz <jhritz@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 4, 2022 11:12 AM
To: Kelsey Dehring <dehringk@washtenaw.org>
Subject: Birding walk with Ryan

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I enjoyed the Trinkle Marsh event. I hope there are more with Ryan.

Bravo!

John Hritz



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Border-to-Border Trail looking to the Chelsea School District for help



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With a section of pathway running along Dexter-Chelsea Road and another section called the Chelsea-Stockbridge Corridor, the planners of the Border-to-Border (B2B) Trail are logically looking for a connecting route between the two, especially one near downtown Chelsea.

They're looking to the Chelsea School District for some help.

At the May 9 CSD Board of Education meeting, Superintendent Julie Helber said the district has been in conversations with planners from the Huron Waterloo Pathways Initiative (HWPI).

She introduced the topic during information and discussion, so no decision was made by the board. However, the school board did see a proposed resolution and it's expected the proposal will officially go before the board for a vote at an upcoming meeting.

The meeting agenda item was listed as "Resolution to allow AD Mayer Drive to be part of the Border-to-Border route."

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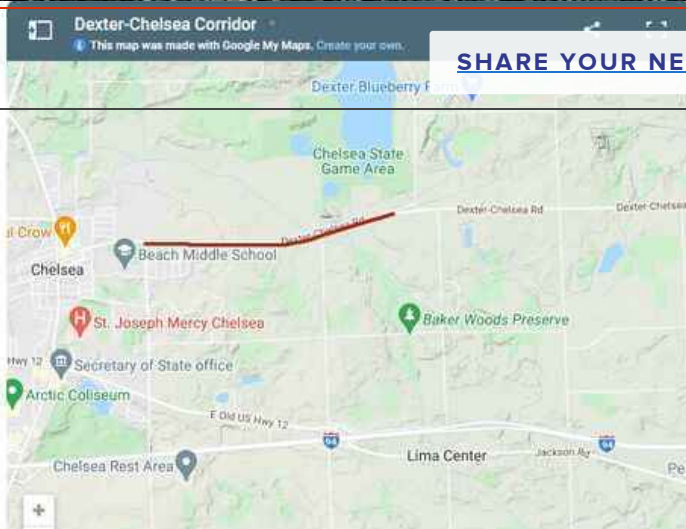


Where the B2B Trail ends at Freer Road.

In follow up, Helber told The Sun Times News the plan would be to have AD Mayer part of the B2B route. She said if the school board passes the resolution, she will sign an agreement with the B2B planners and they will publish it as part of the route. In addition, signage will need to be placed to direct the foot/bike traffic through the route.

Other segments of the trail corridors still need plans, such as the Dexter-Chelsea route where the path has no connector between Dancer Road and where the Chelsea segment ends near the railroad tracks, near N. Lima Center Road.

The HWPI mission is to facilitate the development of non-motorized recreational pathways and to help link Michigan's growing network of trails. We are working in partnership with the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission to complete the Border-to-Border Trail (B2B) and realize our vision of healthy, active, and connected communities.



TRAIL DETAILS

2.1 miles of paved, road-separated pathway
for non-motorized use

- ADA Accessible
- Mostly flat topography, rural character, working agricultural fields
- Major cross street references: Dexter-Chelsea Road at Freer Road and Dexter-Chelsea Road at North Lima Center Road
- Trail runs parallel to the Amtrak railroad tracks
- Trail not maintained during the winter
- [View Interactive Map Instructions](#)

Map of the current Dexter-Chelsea route. courtesy of the B2B trail website

Helber said they have consulted with the district's attorney about a proposed agreement.

The resolution put before the school board states in part:

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission has led a multi-agency effort to develop the border-to-border trail (the "B2B Trail") since its inception in the late 1990s; and

WHEREAS, the B2B Trail is a product of an ongoing collaboration of communities and organizations who are dedicated to safe, accessible, shared-use, non-motorized recreation and transportation; and

WHEREAS, the B2B Trail has been proposed to utilize Mayer Drive, which drive is owned by the District and located in front of the District's middle school building; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed this matter and has determined that it would be in the best interests of the District to permit the B2B Trail over and across Mayer Drive; and

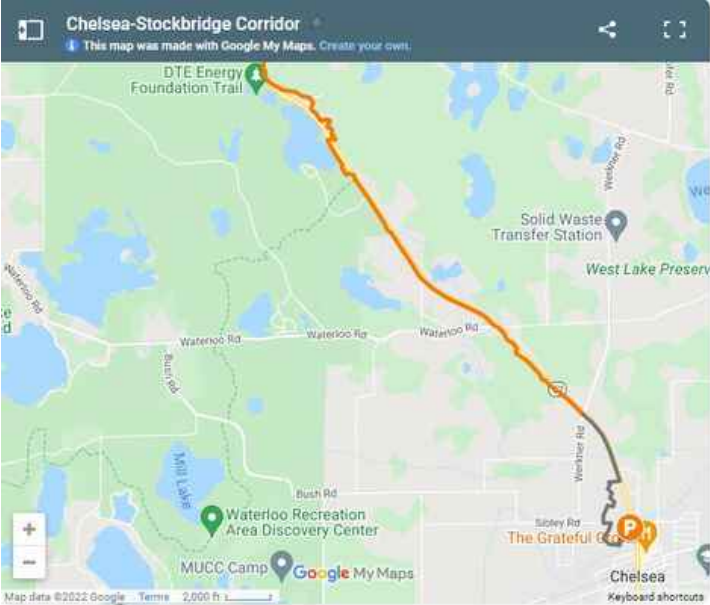
WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the benefit of the B2B Trail to the District and its students, is fair value for entering into an agreement which permits the B2B Trail to utilize Mayer Drive; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it would be in the best interests of the District to waive any applicable Board Policies and/or Bylaws, if any, related to entering into an agreement which permits the B2B Trail to utilize Mayer Drive; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to authorize and direct Julie Helber, the Superintendent of Schools of the District, or her designee, to enter into an agreement which permits the B2B Trail to utilize Mayer Drive, subject to review and approval by the District's legal counsel.

Trail's use of Mayer Drive is fair value for entering into an agreement which permits Mayer Drive to be used as part of the B2B Trail [SHARE YOUR NEWS](#)

2. The Board hereby waives any applicable Board Policies and/or Bylaws, if any, related to entering into an agreement which permits the B2B Trail to utilize Mayer Drive
3. The Board hereby authorizes and directs Julie Helber, the Superintendent of Schools of the District, or her designee, to enter into an agreement which permits the B2B Trail to utilize Mayer Drive, subject to review and approval by the District's legal counsel.
4. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.



TRAIL DETAILS

- 4.7 miles of paved, road-separated pathway for non-motorized use
- ADA Accessible
- Rolling topography, rural character, forests, wetlands, and lakes
- Major cross street references: M-52 at Werkner Road and M-52 at North Territorial Road
- Temporary on-road connection to the City of Chelsea south of Werkner Road (wide road shoulders)
- Trail not maintained during the winter
- [Printable PDF map of the Chelsea-Stockbridge Corridor](#)
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Chelsea-Stockbridge Corridor. map courtesy of the B2B Trail website

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Connector will offer 'safe passage' between 2 Washtenaw County mountain biking loops

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WASHTENAW COUNTY, MI - Two of Washtenaw County's most popular trail systems for mountain biking will soon be united by an off-road connector, now mostly off-limits to bikes, bringing together more than 40 miles of trail for cyclists.

Beginning on May 31, a section of the Waterloo-Pinckney Trail, a roughly 35-mile stretch of hiking in the two state recreation areas for which it is named, will open to bicycles, according to Michigan Department of Natural Resources officials.

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The new connector route cobbles together roughly four miles of the trail, a little-used gravel road, a short section of Park Lyndon and Washtenaw County's Border-to-Border Trail to effectively create a bridge mountain bikers can use to cross between the Potawatomi Trail in the [Pinckney Recreation Area](#) and the [DTE Energy Foundation Trail system](#).

Parks officials didn't take the decision to open up parts of the hiking trail to cyclists lightly, said Pinckney Recreation Area Park Manager Charles Dennison.

The Potawatomi Mountain Biking Association, whose hundreds of members contribute to maintaining trails in the area, proposed a connector two years ago, he said.

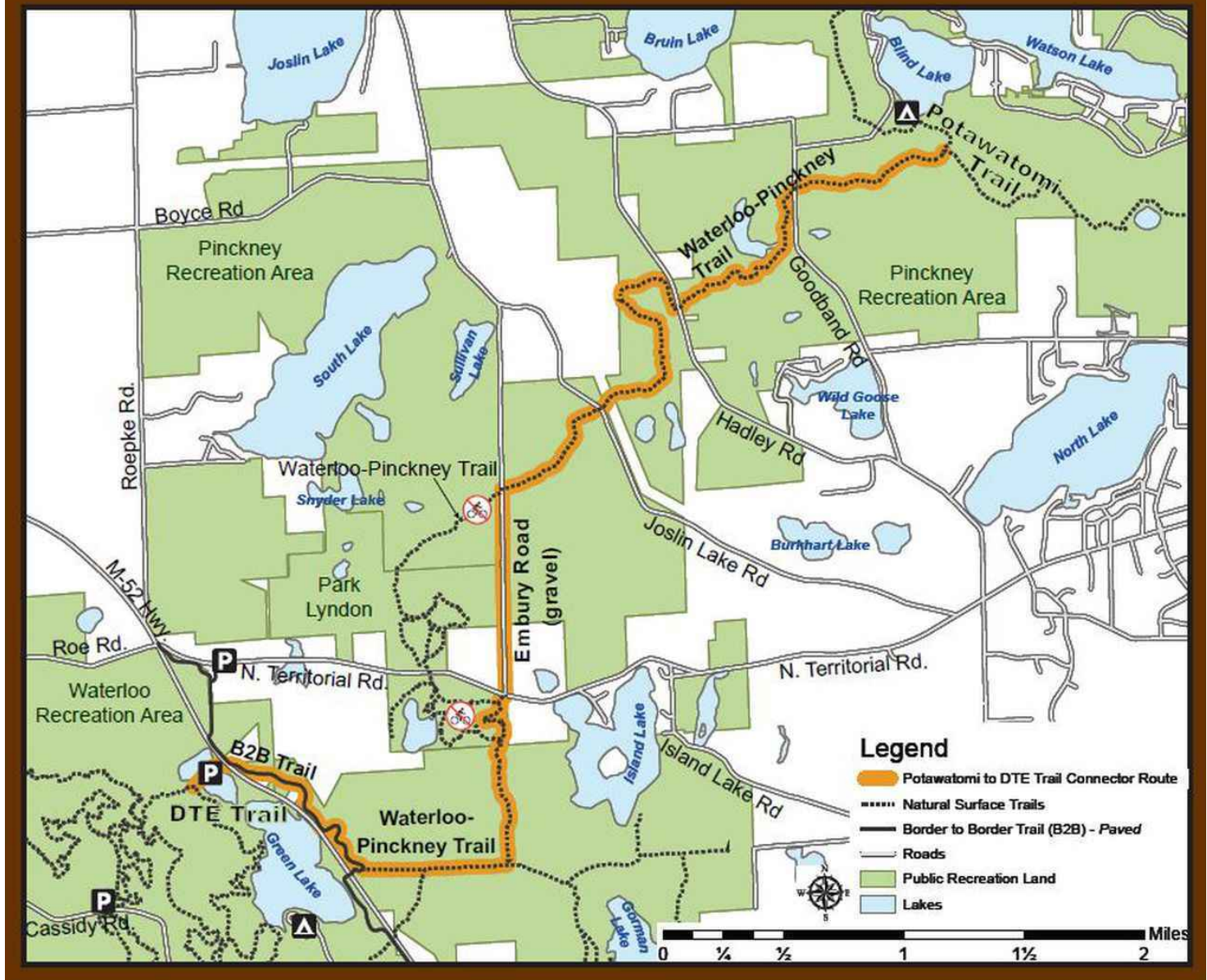
Since the development of the DTE Trail system beginning in 2015 — several loops of singletrack open most of the year to foot traffic but optimized for mountain bikers — a subset of riders have looked for a way to travel on two wheels between the trails north of Chelsea and the 18-mile Potawatomi loop, according to association board member and DTE Trail Director Jason Aric Jones.

“We just wanted to provide some safe passage for folks to get over there,” he said, referencing the danger posed by cycling on North Territorial Road and other routes that currently connect the two areas.

After carefully studying the issue, parks officials landed on the proposed route going into effect at the end of the month.

It heads southwest from a section of the Waterloo-Pinckney Trail already open to bikers in the Pinckney Recreation Area, before reaching Embury Road, which cyclists will travel for a short section before crossing North Territorial Road and using a half-mile section of trail in Washtenaw County's Park Lyndon before re-joining the Waterloo-Pinckney Trail.

The county's Border-to-Border Trail offers the key final connector to the DTE Trail's M-52 trailhead, or a paved route south to Chelsea. The connector totals roughly seven miles.

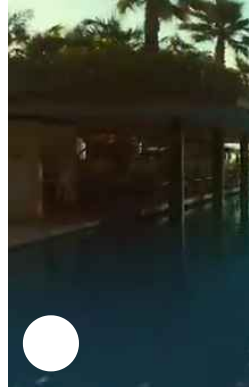


A map from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission shows a connector route between the DTE Energy Foundation Trail system near Chelsea and the Potawatomi Trail in the Pinckney Recreation Area, available to cyclists beginning on May 31, 2022. Provided by Michigan Department of Natural Resources

"It opens up this whole connectivity of trail systems that's very important to us," Dennison said. Even though Waterloo Recreation Area is the Lower Peninsula's largest state park and Pinckney totals 11,000 acres, parks officials want to avoid the need for new trails.

"The last thing we want to do is increase our trail density and put additional trails over undeveloped property in this park," Dennison said.

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Jones anticipates bike traffic on the new connector will be “fairly light.” Why? Riding the two existing trail systems and back would be a long day in the saddle, and that won’t be for everyone, he said.

The route will be signed, and the association and state parks officials have collaborated with the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission, which manages Park Lyndon, to ensure cyclists are aware that the vast majority of that park remains off-limits to mountain bikers.

Much of the Waterloo-Pinckney Trail remains reserved for hiking and equestrian uses, and Jones said the mountain biking community has no desire to change that.

The four-mile stretch that will open to cyclists is a “straightaway section of trail with good sight lines,” he said, pointing to a 30-year history of biker-hiker interaction on the Potawatomi Trail, also commonly used for trail running and cross-country skiing.

Dennison is careful to refer to the loop not as mountain-biking trail, but a shared-use system. As with any trail, there’s always the possibility for conflict, but it hasn’t been a problem for Dennison during his almost 26-year career.

“There is not some laundry list of physical incidents and injury between bikers and foot traffic,” Jones said.

The decision has risen through the ranks in the DNR’s Parks and Recreation Division, getting a stamp of approval from its director, as well as wildlife officials, Dennison said. Park staff will monitor usage when the connector is operational to track the number of people who end up using it.

The trail remains primarily a hiking route, according to the park manager.

“We’re not going to change the character of the Waterloo-Pinckney Trail as you see it today,” Dennison said.

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Washtenaw County's 35 nature preserves now have funding for generations. Here's why

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In this file photo, guests tour a former gravel pit at the Fox Science Preserve, 2280 Peters Rd. in Scio Township during a greenbelt bus tour through Washtenaw County on Saturday, Oct. 12, 2019.

By [Lucas Smolcic Larson](#) | lsmolciclarsen@mlive.com

WASHTENAW COUNTY, MI - Washtenaw County's network of natural areas and preserves may be protected in perpetuity, but will there always be money to keep trails operating in tip-top shape?

Thanks to an novel county investment program these green spaces now have an endowment of sorts, invested in environmentally-conscious stocks and bonds, to ensure that's the case forever.

The program, a partnership between county Treasurer Catherine McClary's office and the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission, received national recognition in May, taking home an award honoring "innovative and effective" county government operations, according to [a county news release](#).

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The National Association of Counties, a group representing county governments across the nation, selected the initiative for [one of its 2022 Achievement Awards](#).

Why? The program creates a new funding mechanism to support the maintenance of county preserves and trail systems for generations to come.

Michigan law restricts investment opportunities for governments' surplus operating funds, but allows special pots of money for parks operations and maintenance to be invested like pension funds, according to the county.

Washtenaw County was the first to create an investment fund under this provision, it says. The county treasurer manages the money, investing it in green stocks and bonds that then provide a permanent source of public dollars to maintain the natural areas.

There are currently [35 county nature preserves](#), according to county parks officials.

Those spaces are likely to continue to multiply through the county's Natural Areas Preservation Program, one of a slew of local programs that protects local farmland and also acquires scenic areas for public recreation.

Read more: [Save the farm, plan the park: Meet the head of Washtenaw County's homegrown conservation program](#)

McClary called the initiative a "fabulous partnership," using "a long-term investment approach for sustaining public natural areas forever."

"It's a privilege to be recognized for our work and innovation," she said in a statement.

Since the fund has been set up, Washtenaw County has used a similar mechanism to provide an endowment for the [county's Border-to-Border Trail](#), according to the news release.

The initiative is likely to pay dividends down the road, according to Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission Director Coy Vaughn.

"We are honored to receive the Sustainable Investments Preserve Natural Areas award on behalf of Washtenaw County residents. Creating the special revenue funds allows us to invest monies and leverage county dollars in a fiscally responsible way for future generations," he said in a statement.

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Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission

MEMORANDUM

TO: Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM: Coy P. Vaughn, Director
DATE: June 14, 2022
RE: Project and Activities Update – May 2022

Park Facility Events and Projects

Independence Lake

- Red Hawk Disc Golf Course hosted two tournaments sponsored by local leagues; each event drew 144 players.
- Maintenance staff prepared for the busy Memorial Day weekend by mowing lawn, moving picnic tables, and adding sand to the beach.
- Park staff is still actively recruiting, hiring, and training seasonal employees.
- Construction of the Disc Golf Pavilion is substantially complete. Consultant and staff conducted a punch list to address any outstanding items. Staff continue to review progress and await final completion from Contractor before contract expires at the end of June.
- Re-construction of two of the three boardwalks is complete and open to patrons. Project is expected to be fully complete by mid-June.

Meri Lou Murray Recreation Center

- Outdoor group exercise classes began again in May.
- Registration for the popular Nordic Walking class, which utilizes trails in County Farm Park, quickly reached the 15-participant capacity.
- MLMRC maintenance staff began assisting with County Farm Park operations.
- Day Camp counselors began training for the summer program, which begins June 13. This is the first time camp has been offered at MLMRC since 2019.

Rolling Hills Park

- On May 2, the Muslim Community Association of Ann Arbor utilized the park for its Eid prayer to celebrate the end of Ramadan. Staff accommodated more than 900 vehicles and 2,000+ people for the event with only four days' notice.
- MOB Disc Golf tournaments were held on May 15 and 29.
- Disc golf Glow Night was held on the "OG Course" on May 27.
- After installing new disc golf baskets on the OG Course, the nineteen old baskets were donated to the Village of Manchester and 5 Healthy Towns so a course could be created in Manchester.
- Renovations of the Water Park's concession building were completed in early May.
- Humane Society of Huron Valley hosted Walk & Wag on May 21 for the 10th year at Rolling Hills Park. This was the first in-person Walk & Wag event since 2019, with more than 800 people and 350 dogs participating, raising more than \$315,000.
- Staff held thirteen separate trainings to prepare seasonal staff for summer operations.

- Staff worked tirelessly to prepare the Water Park for opening, which passed health inspection on May 26.
- 147 guests visited the Water Park on opening day the last Saturday in May. More than 2,500 guests visited the Water Park and hundreds more visited the general park on Memorial Day.
- River Walk classes began on May 31 with 25 participants; the program will be offered daily.
- Phase II of the concessions renovations for replacing the grill structure was sent out for bid to three contractors through the MiDeal purchasing program with the State of Michigan. Bids are expected to be returned by mid-June with construction anticipated to begin after the Water Park closes for the season.

Staebler Farm Park

- All permits for the Multipurpose Building have been finalized and mobilization has commenced. Staff continues to work closely with the architect and contractor to ensure that the program requirements are met in a timely manner and within budget.
- Staff is currently in the process of reviewing and finalizing the Design and Engineering proposal for completing bid documents for the farmhouse renovation.
- Staff met on site to discuss options for incorporating an archery range into the development.
- May MFS classes: twenty-three classes, including Soap-Making, Leather Handbag, Leather shoes, Leathercraft 101, and Mushrooms logs.

Special Initiatives

Border to Border Trail (B2B)

- Zeeb Road to Delhi Metropark (Segment DAA3) construction project is in the May 6 bid letting with MDOT. Staff will report results at the May Commission meeting. If bids are favorable, construction should begin this summer with a completion date no later than July 2023.
- Construction of the Dexter-Chelsea trail segment (CD2), Dancer Road to Wylie Road (1.6 miles), is completing final punch list items.
- Chelsea Connector segment (C1) construction is complete within Veterans Park, Weber Field, and Timbertown (south of Sibley Road). A permanent pedestrian counter was installed to collect trail use data. Work north of Sibley Road is underway and the project is expected to be completed later this year.
- Engineering and permitting are in various stages of progress for the following trail segments:
 - o Barton-Bandemer Tunnel and Trail (Segment DAA7 - Ann Arbor)
 - o Delhi Metropark to Wagner Road (Segment DAA4)
 - o Dexter-Chelsea (Segments CD2 & CD3) Wylie Road to Parker Road, and to Mill Creek Park in Dexter
 - o M-52 from North Territorial Road to Boyce Road (Segment CS3)
 - o Hudson Mills Metropark to Stinchfield Woods and Silver Lake State Park

Connecting Communities

- Staff offered a webinar about the initiative to potential applicants; it was recorded and has been uploaded to the program's webpage.

Natural Areas Preservation Program (NAPP)

Stewardship

- Around seventy-five volunteers helped to remove garlic mustard, dames rocket, and narrowleaf bittercress at Baker Woods Preserve, County Farm Park, Rolling Hills Park, and Parker Mill Park. Volunteers were part of the general public, EMU CRU, Washtenaw Technical Middle College, Daycroft Montessori School, and a Boy Scout troop.
- Controlled burns were conducted at Whitmore Lake, West Lake, and Watkins Lake preserves.
- Spring invasive plants were pulled at West Lake, Baker Woods, Squiers, Whitmore Lake, Goodrich, Draper-Houston Meadows, and Kosch Headwaters preserves.

Interpretive Programming

- Nearly 700 patrons attended nature programs in April.
- Naturalist received an influx of school field trips resulting in roughly 350 students being served in April.
- Archery programs officially started. Two homeschool groups and two public programs were hosted at Staebler Farm Park.



Digital Report - May 2022

This monthly report will highlight our social media outreach, website analytics, newsletters, items in the news, and recent snapshots around the parks.

Monthly comparisons will be used to track data and improve our outreach.

Useful definitions for this report

Impressions

A Facebook metric related to the visibility of our posts is referred to as impressions. Impressions measure the number of times our posts were seen. That includes if one post was seen multiple times by a single user.

Engagement

Engagement measures the number of times someone took action on our posts. That could mean clicking a link, sharing our post, making a reaction or leaving a comment.



Digital Report - May 2022

SOCIAL MEDIA

facebook

Blue Heron Bay

Monthly Impressions

This Month	Last Month	Last Year
4,093	377	

Total Post Engagement

This Month	Last Month	Last Year
466	1	

facebook

Independence Lake

Monthly Impressions

This Month	Last Month	Last Year
37,290	25,579	

Total Post Engagement

This Month	Last Month	Last Year
2,120	1,028	

facebook

Meri Lou Murray

Monthly Impressions

This Month	Last Month	Last Year
2,299	1,286	

Total Post Engagement

This Month	Last Month	Last Year
89	12	

facebook

Pierce Lake

Monthly Impressions

This Month	Last Month	Last Year
13,380	12,120	

Total Post Engagement

This Month	Last Month	Last Year
744	549	

facebook

Rolling Hills

Monthly Impressions

This Month	Last Month	Last Year
191,479	176,634	

Total Post Engagement

This Month	Last Month	Last Year
15,792	12,082	

facebook

WCPARC

Monthly Impressions

This Month	Last Month	Last Year
21,288	20,407	

Total Post Engagement

This Month	Last Month	Last Year
884	979	

Instagram

Rolling Hills

Total Followers

This Month	Last Month	Last Year
1,024	996	

Top Post -

How many people reacted to posts

This Month	Last Month	Last Year
58	31	

Instagram

WCPARC

Total Followers

This Month	Last Month	Last Year
2,454	2,421	

Top Post - Baltimore Oriole

How many people reacted to posts

This Month	Last Month	Last Year
80	141	



Digital Report - May 2022

Facebook/Instagram - Top Posts

**Rolling Hills Co...**
Thu 5/26/2022 7:25 pm ...

✓ Pass Health Inspection. ✓
Emergency training for staff.
Today was a good day. We...



Total Engagements 1,021

Reactions	239
Comments	14
Shares	8
Post Link Clicks	—
Other Post Clicks	760

**Independence ...**
Tue 5/10/2022 12:23 pm...

Congratulations Terry and Tina! On the hatching of their little one. The staff...



Total Engagements 119

Reactions	37
Comments	14
Shares	1
Post Link Clicks	—
Other Post Clicks	67



Digital Report - May 2022

Website, Newsletter, News

Website Statistics

washtenaw.org/parks

May 2022

Total Page Visits	This Month	Last Month	Sept. Last Year
		18,885	

Top Pages Viewed	Views
Rolling Hills	18,301
Rolling Hills - online tickets	8,311
Rolling Hills - park rates	4,154
Rolling Hills	3,793
Independence Lake	3,576

In The News

Connector will offer safe passage between to County mountain biking loops MLive

Washtenaw County's 35 nature preserves have funding for generations MLive

2022 Guide to Splash Pads, Pools, Beaches in Metro Detroit Little Guide Detroit

Border to Border Trail looking to the Chelsea School District for help The Sun Times

Monthly Newsletter

WCPARC 45.9 open rate

Newsletter via MailChimp

Sent to	Opened	Clicks
6,762	3,091	209

Newsletter non MailChimp

Sent to	Opened	Clicks
1,091	N/A	

Photography

Germaine Gebhard, Photo Ambassador,
taken at Sharon Mills County Park





Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission

May 2022 - Claims Report

PARK / FACILITY / FUNCTION	UTILITIES	DIRECT PURCHASES	OTHER	TOTAL
Administration	\$ 635.36	\$ 11,900.17	\$ 24,939.02	\$ 37,474.55
Recreation Center	14,961.35	1,582.27	14,303.58	30,847.20
Park Maintenance	1,348.41	3,681.13	7,525.32	12,554.86
Pierce Lake Golf Course	1,463.73	9,762.52	49,225.83	60,452.08
Independence Lake	2,130.37	4,090.28	8,952.06	15,172.71
Rolling Hills	3,522.89	12,241.41	5,884.38	21,648.68
Parker Mill	212.84	-	372.96	585.80
Sharon Mills	69.11	-	561.36	630.47
Staebler Farm	294.11	-	650.00	944.11
Swift Run Dog Park	-	-	-	-
Capital Improvement	-	-	283,127.93	283,127.93
Committed Funding Partnerships	-	-	-	-
Commission	-	-	-	-
SUBTOTAL	\$ 24,638.17	\$ 43,257.78	\$ 395,542.44	\$ 463,438.39
 Road Millage Fund	 -	 -	 277,092.40	 277,092.40
SUBTOTAL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 277,092.40	\$ 277,092.40
 Natural Areas Preservation Program				
Acquisition	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 179,413.05	\$ 179,413.05
Preserve Management	-	1,458.30	(282.66)	\$ 1,175.64
NATAC	-	-	-	\$ -
Acquisition	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 621.00	\$ 621.00
Annual Monitoring	-	-	-	\$ -
ALPAC	-	-	-	-
SUBTOTAL	\$ -	\$ 1,458.30	\$ 179,751.39	\$ 181,209.69
 TOTAL	\$ 24,638.17	\$ 44,716.08	\$ 852,386.23	\$ 921,740.48

It was moved by _____ and supported by _____
to approve payment of claims in the amount of.....

\$ 921,740.48

WASHTENAW COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
FUND BALANCE STATEMENT - MAY 31, 2022

Beginning Fund Balance (1/1/22)	16,261,408	42%	YTD % Budget	
Revenue (Budget)		Revenue (Actual)		Variance
Property Tax	8,681,375	8,359,056	96%	(322,319)
State Grant Funds	-	-		-
Fees & Services	3,635,000	1,019,227	28%	(2,615,773)
Interest Earnings	100,000	22,946	23%	(77,054)
Other Revenue & Reimb.	<u>30,000</u>	<u>2,640</u>	9%	<u>(27,360)</u>
Total Revenue	12,446,375	9,403,869	76%	(3,042,506)
Expense (Budget)		Expense (Actual)		Variance
Personnel Services	(6,909,556)	(2,075,890)	30%	4,833,666
Supplies & Other Services	(2,549,600)	(774,432)	30%	1,775,168
Internal Service Charges	(939,876)	(395,585)	42%	544,291
Capital				
Land Acquisition	-	-	-	-
CIP/Development	(3,100,000)	(632,506)	20%	2,467,494
Contingency	(400,000)	(111,172)	28%	288,828
Machinery & Equipment	<u>(181,100)</u>	<u>(16,115)</u>	9%	<u>164,985</u>
Capital Subtotal	(3,681,100)	(759,793)	21%	2,921,307
Transfers Out	(547,249)	(266,270)	49%	280,979
Total Expense	<u>(18,308,481)</u>	<u>(5,031,762)</u>	27%	10,355,412
Surplus/(Deficit)	(5,862,106)	4,372,106		
Operating Reserve	(8,681,375)	(8,681,375)		
Funding Commitments (Partnerships)	<u>(8,128,730)</u>	<u>(266,270)</u>		
	(16,810,105)	(8,947,645)		
Projected Fund Balance (12/31/22)	<u>(6,410,803)</u>	<u>11,685,869</u>		

WASHTENAW COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
NATURAL AREAS PRESERVATION PROGRAM
FUND BALANCE STATEMENT - MAY 31, 2022

Beginning Fund Balance (1/1/22)	8,127,796	unaudited	42%	YTD % Budget	
Revenue (Budget)					Variance
Property Tax	4,622,888			96%	(173,775)
Federal Revenue	-				-
Interest Earnings	25,000			45%	(13,830)
Other Revenue & Reimb.	<u>5,000</u>			578%	<u>23,883</u>
Total Revenue		4,652,888	4,489,165	96%	(163,723)
Expense (Budget)					Variance
Personnel Services	(700,883)			34%	465,464
Supplies & Other Services	(336,200)			61%	129,924
Internal Service Charges	(20,612)			44%	11,443
Capital					
Land Acquisition	(2,550,000)			48%	1,330,080
Land Development	-				-
Machinery & Equipment	<u>(5,000)</u>			0%	<u>5,000</u>
Capital Subtotal	(2,555,000)			48%	1,335,080
Total Expense		<u>(3,612,695)</u>	<u>(1,670,784)</u>	46%	1,941,911
Surplus/(Deficit)		1,040,193	2,818,381		
Projected Fund Balance (12/31/22)		<u>9,167,989</u>	<u>10,946,178</u>		

ROLLING HILLS COUNTY PARK
YEAR-TO-DATE PARTICIPATION & REVENUE REPORT
MAY

	GATE							
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
RESIDENT (ANNUAL)	671	503	1,723	1,545	\$ 20,130	\$ 15,090	\$ 51,690	\$ 46,350
NON-RESIDENT (ANNUAL)	65	36	161	177	2,925	1,620	7,245	7,965
RESIDENTS (DAILY)	885	429	2,714	2,821	5,310	2,574	16,284	16,928
NON-RESIDENTS (DAILY)	588	200	1,143	1,809	5,880	2,000	11,430	18,090
SENIOR (DAILY)	50	18	138	94	150	54	414	282
SENIOR NON-RES. (DAILY)	8	7	13	24	48	42	78	144
GLOW GOLF DROP-IN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BUSES (DAILY)	3	-	-	-	90	-	-	-
ANNUAL BUS	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	300
MINI BUS	-	1	1	-	-	15	15	-
ANNUAL MINI BUS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>2,270</u>	<u>1,194</u>	<u>5,893</u>	<u>6,472</u>	<u>\$ 34,533</u>	<u>\$ 21,395</u>	<u>\$ 87,156</u>	<u>\$ 90,059</u>

PERCENT OF NON-RESIDENTS:

8.83%	6.68%	8.55%	10.28%
38.93%	31.65%	28.84%	38.60%

WATER PARK POOL ATTENDANCE

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
DAILY ENTRANCE	<u>1,146</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,993</u>	<u>\$ 11,841</u>	<u>\$ 20</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 60,739</u>
	1,146	2	-	4,993	\$ 11,841	\$ 20	\$ -	\$ 60,739

PROGRAMMING & RETAIL OPERATIONS

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
DAYCAMP	1,201	-	765	2,693	\$ 32,426	\$ -	\$ 20,655	\$ 72,712
BIRTHDAY PACKAGES	4	-	-	-	848	-	-	-
AQUATICS PROGRAMMING	57	-	100	143	5,332	-	300	452
DISC GOLF	2,863	759	1,907	1,771	5,726	1,518	3,814	3,542
SPECIAL EVENTS	<u>1,864</u>	<u>355</u>	<u>239</u>	<u>205</u>	<u>15,586</u>	<u>3,745</u>	<u>10,082</u>	<u>6,038</u>
	5,989	1,114	3,011	4,812	\$ 59,918	\$ 5,263	\$ 34,851	\$ 82,744

**ROLLING HILLS COUNTY PARK
YEAR-TO-DATE PARTICIPATION & REVENUE REPORT
MAY**

PROGRAMMING & RETAIL OPERATIONS (cont'd)

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
FACILITY RENTALS								
WEEKDAYS	5	4	10	13	\$ 873	\$ 580	\$ 1,160	\$ 1,850
WEEKENDS	88	13	86	84	10,437	2,300	14,370	12,390
SOCCER FIELDS	2,450	35	-	-	9,965	100	-	-
DISC GOLF COURSE	-	-	10	-	-	-	950	1,000
WATERPARK SHELTERS	<u>4</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>125</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	2,547	52	106	97	\$ 21,400	\$ 2,980	\$ 16,480	\$ 15,240
TOBOGGANS	229	-	760	-	\$ 687	\$ -	\$ 2,280	\$ 2,675
CROSS COUNTRY SKIS	177	-	936	-	531	-	2,808	2,560
MISC. RETAIL	<u>7</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10</u>
	413	-	1,696	-	\$ 1,270	\$ -	\$ 5,088	\$ 5,245
LOCKERS	-	-	-	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FOOD CONCESSIONS	1,456	-	-	4,491	2,726	-	-	10,429
MISCELLANEOUS	-	-	2	138	-	-	42	6,045
GIFT CERTIFICATE SALES	<u>24</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>159</u>	<u>428</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>372</u>
	1,480	3	2	4,633	\$ 2,885	\$ 428	\$ 42	\$ 16,845
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
YTD TOTAL PARTICIPATION & F	13,845	2,365	10,708	21,007	\$ 131,847	\$ 30,086	\$ 143,617	\$ 270,872

**RECREATION CENTER
YEAR-TO-DATE PARTICIPATION & REVENUE REPORT
MAY**

MEMBERSHIPS

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
INDIVIDUAL RESIDENT	492	337	162	358	\$ 94,937	\$ 60,905	\$ 27,998	\$ 73,089
INDIVIDUAL NON-RESIDE	10	5	2	8	3,250	2,060	384	2,926
S/Y/D RESIDENT	652	420	158	341	108,985	67,757	24,556	61,803
S/Y/D NON-RESIDENT	3	2	-	2	790	520	-	556
FAMILY RESIDENT	173	133	74	103	51,837	34,107	12,181	27,607
FAMILY NON-RESIDENT	2	1	1	-	1,480	735	767	-
FAMILY - ADDT'L MEMBEI	10	13	4	-	588	483	150	-
SENIORS OVER 80	199	109	69	138	11,940	6,180	3,885	9,030
PERSONAL TRAINERS	9	3	-	-	2,580	1,500	-	-
MILITARY PASS	2	2	1	5	360	180	204	920
30-DAY PASS	439	257	356	254	19,620	10,532	15,480	13,678
SEASONAL PASS	113	-	-	-	9,040	-	-	-
REPLACEMENT PASS	59	33	4	1	59	33	4	1
	<u>2,163</u>	<u>1,315</u>	<u>831</u>	<u>1,210</u>	<u>\$ 305,466</u>	<u>\$ 184,992</u>	<u>\$ 85,609</u>	<u>\$ 189,610</u>
PASS FACILITY USE	82,924	43,173	26,546	49,918				
PERCENT OF NON-RESID	1.13%	0.89%	0.76%	1.23%				

DAILY ENTRIES

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
INDIVIDUAL RESIDENT	4,811	2,552	-	1,326	\$ 38,488	\$ 20,416	\$ -	\$ 13,258
INDIVIDUAL NON-RESIDE	477	212	-	130	4,293	1,908	-	1,558
S/Y/D RESIDENT	3,891	2,122	1	1,215	23,346	12,732	6	8,147
S/Y/D NON-RESIDENT	174	105	-	762	1,218	735	-	5,057
INDIVIDUAL FITNESS RES	78	46	-	-	624	264	-	-
INDIVIDUAL FITNESS NOI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SENIOR FITNESS RESIDE	207	129	-	-	1,242	756	-	-
SENIOR FITNESS NON-RI	4	3	-	-	28	14	-	-
DAILY PASS/GIFT CERTIF	-	-	-	-	2,628	-	-	-
	<u>9,642</u>	<u>5,169</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3,432</u>	<u>\$ 71,867</u>	<u>\$ 36,825</u>	<u>\$ 6</u>	<u>\$ 28,020</u>
PERCENT OF NON-RESID	6.79%	6.19%	0.00%					

**RECREATION CENTER
YEAR-TO-DATE PARTICIPATION & REVENUE REPORT
MAY**

OTHER REVENUE

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
DAYCAMP	2,487	1,523	-	2,764	\$ 67,136	\$ 41,130	\$ -	\$ 74,639
RECREATION PROGRAM:	19,115	8,724	14,825	9,674	85,494	43,249	10,976	55,842
FACILITY RENTALS	193	104	-	-	4,538	2,494	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MISC. RETAIL	-	81	23	7	5,835	2,220	783	36
LOCKERS	17,191	9,068	1,480	5,560	4,298	2,267	370	1,390
VENDING	-	-	-	-	774	558	-	-
	<u>38,986</u>	<u>19,500</u>	<u>16,328</u>	<u>18,005</u>	<u>\$ 168,075</u>	<u>\$ 91,918</u>	<u>\$ 12,129</u>	<u>\$ 131,907</u>

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
YTD TOTAL PARTICIPATION &	133,715	69,157	43,706	72,566	\$ 545,408	\$ 313,734	\$ 97,744	\$ 349,537

PIERCE LAKE GOLF COURSE
YEAR-TO-DATE PARTICIPATION & REVENUE REPORT
MAY

	GREEN FEES							
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
WEEKDAYS								
REGULAR - 9	232	74	220	66	\$ 1,794	\$ 1,164	\$ 2,422	\$ 1,595
SR/JR/STUDENT - 9	101	76	135	77	1,416	1,328	2,190	1,615
LEAGUES - 9	3,705	2,165	3,177	3,366	59,265	37,283	54,009	62,069
REGULAR - 18	503	787	1,033	1,863	14,691	11,026	32,661	39,553
SR/JR/STUDENT - 18	722	250	916	957	13,819	5,935	19,840	17,335
TWI-LIGHT	497	271	447	159	8,102	5,576	8,331	6,548
WEEKENDS								
REGULAR - 9	63	34	57	86	1,363	918	1,430	2,608
SR/JR/STUDENT - 9	9	2	9	31	144	38	171	758
REGULAR - 18	684	398	1,560	748	22,304	14,377	56,846	28,555
SR/JR/STUDENT - 18	8	28	82	46	208	812	2,358	1,500
TWI-LIGHT	235	167	295	492	5,060	4,133	7,335	4,380
EARLY BIRD - 9	11	-	3	1	176	-	57	23
MEMBERSHIPS								
ULTIMATE PACKAGE	142	77	319	20	9,500	15,775	23,302	42,300
WEEKDAY PACKAGE	159	142	360	8	9,400	8,425	14,925	12,200
WEEKEND PACKAGE	26	-	57	2	750	-	800	1,650
TWI-LIGHT PACKAGE	75	82	116	9	4,975	3,850	4,575	8,225
OUTINGS (WEEKDAYS & WEEKENDS)	<u>112</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,737</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,400</u>	<u>-</u>
	7,284	4,553	8,886	7,931	\$ 157,704	\$ 110,639	\$ 234,652	\$ 230,913

	PROGRAMMING & RETAIL OPERATIONS							
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
CARTS	4,378	1,345	5,193	2,596	\$ 22,524	\$ 9,422	\$ 33,892	\$ 23,354
RENTALS	<u>11</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>110</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>-</u>
	4,389	1,345	5,203	2,596	\$ 22,634	\$ 9,422	\$ 33,992	\$ 23,354
FOOD & BEVERAGE	8,568	967	11,799	6,456	\$ 22,066	\$ 3,623	\$ 34,802	\$ 26,009
PRO SHOP	893	155	1,007	782	10,244	1,573	12,813	15,464
DISCOUNTS	-	-	-	-	(9,901)	(10,166)	(35,162)	-
VENDING	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>-</u>
	9,461	1,122	12,806	7,238	\$ 22,408	\$ (4,969)	\$ 12,519	\$ 41,473
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
YTD TOTAL PARTICIPATION & REVENUE:	21,134	7,020	26,885	17,765	\$ 202,746	\$ 115,092	\$ 281,163	\$ 295,740

INDEPENDENCE LAKE COUNTY PARK
YEAR-TO-DATE PARTICIPATION & REVENUE REPORT
MAY

GATE

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
RESIDENTS (ANNUAL)	417	176	724	589	\$ 12,510	\$ 5,280	\$ 21,720	\$ 17,670
NON-RESIDENTS (ANNUAL)	79	37	216	236	3,555	1,665	9,720	10,620
RESIDENTS (DAILY)	672	175	1,170	1,095	4,032	1,050	7,020	6,570
NON-RESIDENTS (DAILY)	673	165	1,576	1,227	6,730	1,650	15,760	12,270
SENIOR (DAILY)	46	20	102	80	138	60	306	240
SENIOR-NON RES. (DAILY)	17	4	47	37	102	24	282	222
BUSES (DAILY)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ANNUAL BUS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MINI BUS	2	-	-	-	30	-	-	-
ANNUAL MINI BUS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>1,906</u>	<u>577</u>	<u>3,835</u>	<u>3,264</u>	<u>\$ 27,097</u>	<u>\$ 9,729</u>	<u>\$ 54,808</u>	<u>\$ 47,592</u>

PERCENT OF NON-RESIDENTS:

15.9%	17.4%	23.0%	28.6%
49.0%	46.4%	56.1%	51.8%

BLUE HERON BAY ATTENDANCE

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
BHB ANNUAL PASSES	3	-	-	-	\$ 189	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (100)
BHB DAILY ENTRANCE	<u>159</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>663</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	162	-	-	-	\$ 852	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (100)

BLUE HERON BAY RETAIL OPERATION

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
FACILITY RENTALS	1	-	-	16	\$ 25	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 670
BIRTHDAY PACKAGES	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SPECIAL EVENTS	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	2	-	-	16	\$ 75	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 670
LOCKERS	-	-	-	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FOOD CONCESSIONS	275	-	2	99	551	-	2	263
ACCESSORIES/MISC.	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>
	275	-	2	36100	\$ 551	\$ -	\$ 2	\$ 264

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PROGRAMMING & RETAIL OPERATIONS

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
DAYCAMP	1,153	1,104	1,834	1,788	\$ 31,140	\$ 29,805	\$ 49,510	\$ 48,276
DISC GOLF	111	1,303	2,716	1,461	222	2,606	5,432	2,922
SPECIAL EVENTS	74	34	407	221	1,552	1,425	5,175	4,755
	1,338	2,441	4,957	3,470	\$ 32,914	\$ 33,836	\$ 60,117	\$ 55,953
FACILITY RENTALS								
WEEKDAYS	12	4	2	17	\$ 1,230	\$ 440	\$ 160	\$ 1,900
WEEKENDS	44	19	44	67	5,370	2,380	5,370	7,300
	56	23	46	84	\$ 6,600	\$ 2,820	\$ 5,530	\$ 9,200
ROW BOATS-HOURLY	8	-	5	5	\$ 40	\$ -	\$ 25	\$ 25
ROW BOATS-DAILY	4	-	3	4	80	-	60	80
PADDLE BOATS-1/2 HOUR	19	-	33	51	133	-	231	357
	31	-	41	60	\$ 253	\$ -	\$ 316	\$ 462
FOOD CONCESSIONS	197	-	230	690	\$ 297	\$ -	\$ 506	\$ 1,461
ACCESSORIES/MISC.	2	-	-	5	2	-	-	8
	199	-	230	695	\$ 299	\$ -	\$ 506	\$ 1,469
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
YTD TOTAL PARTICIPATION	3,969	3,041	9,111	7,689	\$ 68,641	\$ 46,385	\$ 121,279	\$ 115,510



Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission

MEMORANDUM

To: Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Coy P. Vaughn, Director
Date: June 14, 2022
Re: Border to Border Trail Wayfinding

Background

The Border to Border Trail (B2B Trail) has changed significantly since the last major sign update in 2008. Since then, WCPARC and its partners have redefined the boundaries of the trail and expanded it by nearly 20 miles. Many of the older trail signs across the county are showing their age and are in various states regarding condition and up to date information. None of the signs show the expanded definition of the B2B Trail from Dexter to Chelsea and on to Stockbridge.

Staff and our partners have been working to redevelop and reimagine the county-wide wayfinding system to create something that is branded, uniform, intuitive, and effective. In summary, the wayfinding plan consists of three main elements (see attachment):

1. Primary Orientation Nodes – four to six planned across the county at major trailhead access points. i.e. Robert Tetens Trailhead, Gallup Park, and Depot Town
2. Secondary Orientation Nodes – 15 to 20 planned across the county at key intersections and access locations. i.e. the B2B Trail at the Allen Creek Berm Opening project in Ann Arbor
3. Tertiary Wayfinding Elements – hundreds across the county to provide regular, intuitive, quick references to navigate the trail using a destination-based system, mile markers, confidence markers. Includes a QR code system to reference an on-line map for real time GPS location.

Discussion

Implementation of a county-wide wayfinding system is a complicated endeavor that requires coordination of multiple elements and how they fit together to ensure the fine details of the project, such as hardware and mounting systems, align with each other to minimize field fitting work. It is recommended to use Penchura, LLC to coordinate these fabrication details and installation because they represent both Icon and Landscape Structures. Icon fabricates and installs pavilions, bus stops, and similar structures in the built environment. Landscape Structures fabricates and installs playgrounds and other recreational equipment and has a durable and vibrant sign product called Digi Fuse, which is used for signs, maps, and graphics.

The contract is recommended to be awarded to Penchura, LLC through a municipal purchasing program (both Icon and Landscape Structures participate in the program). Municipal purchasing programs are accepted by County Purchasing to procure goods and services because they provide competitively bid pricing from other municipalities. Icon is proposed to fabricate and install the primary and secondary orientation node structures and Landscape Structures is proposed to fabricate all signs. The proposal (detailed below) is to replace all current wayfinding signs in the county by the end of 2023, install wayfinding on recently completed trail sections, construct the first primary orientation node at the Robert

Tetens Trailhead adjacent to Lyndon Township Hall, and install approximately 70% of the secondary orientation nodes across the county.

	QTY	Fabrication (ea)	<i>Subtotal</i>	Installation (ea)	<i>Subtotal</i>
Primary Orientation Node	1	\$ 90,000	\$ 90,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000
Secondary Orientation Node	10	\$ 8,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 30,000
Wayfinding Blazes	300	\$ 35	\$ 10,500	\$ 100	\$ 30,000
Wayfinding Directional Signs	60	\$ 70	\$ 4,200	\$ 100	\$ 6,000
Maps and Kiosk Signs	20	\$ 230	\$ 4,600	\$ 50	\$ 1,000
Removal of Existing	20			\$ 1,000	\$ 20,000
<i>Subtotal</i>			\$ 189,300		\$ 127,000
Total					\$ 316,300

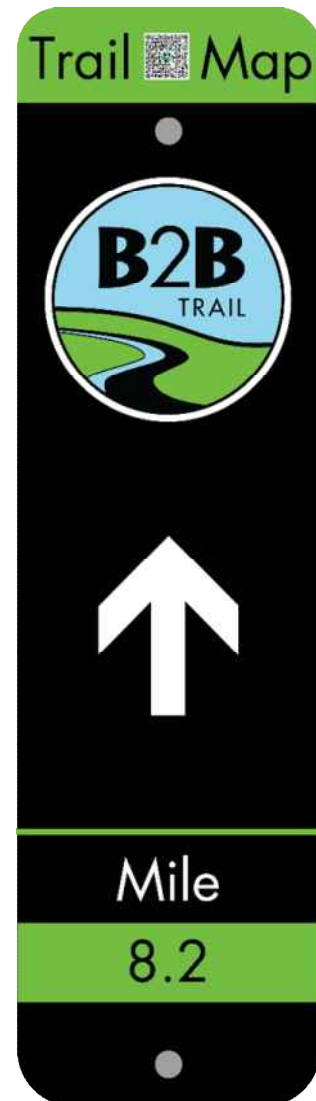
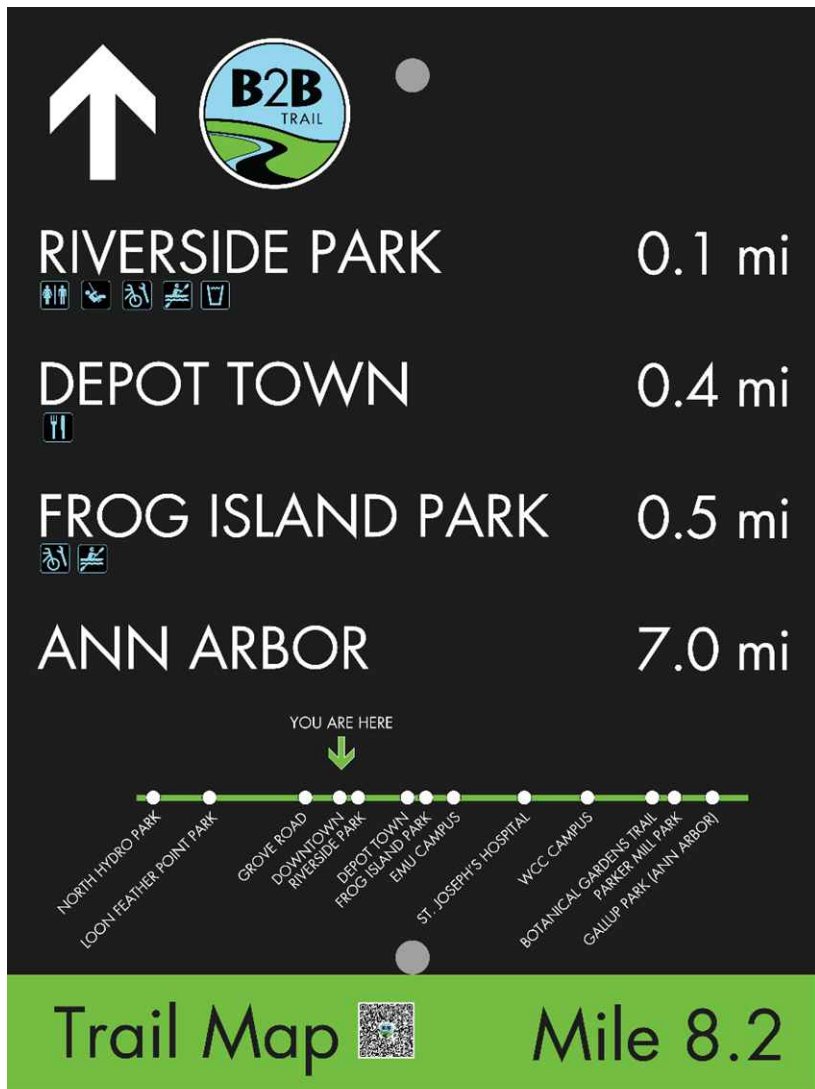
The Huron Waterloo Pathways Initiative has indicated that they will pay for 50% of the total wayfinding fabrication and implementation package.

Recommendation

Based on staff review, it is my recommendation to authorize a contract to be executed with Penchura to fabricate and install wayfinding signs for the Border to Border Trail in the amount not to exceed \$316,300. Further, I recommend authorizing a 10% contingency in the amount of \$31,630.



Above: Primary Orientation Node
Left: Secondary Orientation Node



Tertiary Wayfinding Element examples

Left Above: Directional Information Sign

Right Above: Wayfinding Blaze/Mile Marker