

INDIAN CREEK GREENWAY

OVERVIEW UPDATE

Indian Creek lies in the northeast corner of Marion County and is a tributary to Fall Creek. The waterway is nearly all forested, and a number of wildlife habitat areas can be found adjacent to the corridor. One species that is found in the area is the great blue heron, which uses the corridor as a rookery. About half of the 7-mile corridor is surrounded by undeveloped land, while the rest is largely low- to medium-density residential. The Indian Lake area dominates the southern portion of the Indian Creek corridor. The Indiana Creek Greenway is planned as a conservation areas and trail development is not proposed.

MASTER PLAN UPDATE RECOMMENDATIONS

2001 to 2006

1. Advocate for conservation of this corridor as development occurs.
2. Assist in preparation and implementation of a community access plan to identify bike routes and alternative means of access from neighborhoods to community facilities and greenways.
3. Continue to work with Craig Middle School on an environmental education program utilizing the greenway as a living classroom. Use this program as a model for future programs on other greenways.

2007 to 2012

1. Advocate for conservation of this corridor as development occurs.

Public Vision Statements

This corridor is located in a predominantly rural area where most of the waterway is forested. The Indian Creek Neighborhood Organization envisions that this corridor would be designated as a conservation area established by individual property owners. Because of the wildlife in the area, there should be no trails or water recreation allowed. Indian Lake should remain closed to the public and continue to be preserved by the Indian Lake Improvement Association. As development begins in the rural area, careful consideration must be given to preserving the quality of this corridor, which is so important to the people of Lawrence Township.