

INDIANAPOLIS GREENWAYS MASTER PLAN PUBLIC MEETING COMMENTS

Greenways Development Committee Meeting -August 17 at the City County

Building

Franklin Township –new parks and facilities but no connectivity. Edgewood Rd. is narrow with ditch on one side. Resources-Buck Creek, no abandoned RR lines. Hickory & Edgewood about to be developed.

What's coming for Franklin Township in greenways

Address parking issues & keeping motorized traffic off of the trails

Fairgrounds/Monon development at 38th Street ...Farmers Market?

Buck Creek- citizen interest in possible development of trails (suggest natural trail to link Southeastway Park with long linking trails to Paul Ruster Park trails and offer walking and mountain biking.

Citizen support for updating bike route plan for use as alternative transportation.

Review intersection of Monon trail with 38th Street-a dangerous crossing.

Need water fountains strategically placed on all trails placed at key nodes spaced at 2.5 to 3 miles apart.

Trails needed to link south and eastside to Downtown.

Grassy Creek a priority.

Need bike racks strategically located.

Extend Monon Trail south of Fall Creek.

Provide more bike lanes on city streets.

We want the B&O trail!

Partner with utility companies to use utility corridors as greenways.

More regional planning efforts to link with surrounding counties and towns.

Want trail and trailhead at the Toll House on Michigan road.

On road bike routes should be planned to connect with greenways.

The Bike/Ped routes should connect to Indy Go bus routes.

August 18 meeting at Broad Ripple Park

Complete South Monon To Downtown

Provide bike racks on buses

Dialog and merge community plans such as Northeast corridor plan, alternative trans. Plans, Michigan Rd., etc...

Widen street shoulders, create ped. lanes on streets...redevelop bike ped plan simultaneously and set standards.

Look at options to tie in close neighborhoods...look at how people can get to greenways without driving.

Look at N&S line for rail trail rather than light rail...use 37 for light rail.

Develop B&O trail

More connections needed to the east and south parts of county.

Pike Twnshp. Linkage Plan a good thing.

Use utility corridors for cross county connections (esp in south)

In flood plains and environmentally sensitive areas use narrower trail widths, non-toxic materials for surface and avoid tree clearing.

On White River Greenway between College and Riviera Club change designation of corridor to conservation area and nature trail...put multi use trail on Riverview Dr.

A greenway does not have to be a trail- more emphasis on fishing, canoeing and nature activities.

Look at safety concerns on RR crossing on Pleasant Run trail.

Create more loop trail opportunities.

Help save area at 96th & Allisonville

Try to make as few street crossings as possible.

Provide a shelter at 86th & Monon.

Remove or screen port-o-lets at 75th St. & monon.

Use utility easements for greenways...86th St., east and west side.

Use interurban route for greenway trail.

Look at pedestrian safety on 75th St. bridge near Monon.

Make big loops and interconnections.

Spread out the heavy usage.

Look at possibilities of lighting trails.

Use more native/natural plantings.

Need more water fountains.

Look at bike/ped on-road connections to gw's.

Update the bike route system.

Fallout of Conrail dismemberment.

Use a transportation motive for trail use more often

Provide shelters along gw's.

Look into user conflicts and separations. More courtesy by users..get public service announcements to address this issue.

Monitor construction quality ie: pavement smoothness.

Install footbridge over Williams Creek to get to Monon...there are also strong objections to doing this because of nature preserve

Use street lanes for bike connections.

Conflicts between walkers and bikers-need to obey trail use rules.

Better maintenance needed at 30th St. bridge & White River and on Indiana Ave bridge.

Pave trail crossing of RR tracks on WR trail by Bush Stadium.

The light blue posts along the Canal trail are too narrow to get strollers and bikes with trailers through...can they be removed.

Need more opportunities for walking and running without bikes and rollerblades.

Need to enforce trail rules.

16th St. crossing of WR trail is unsafe.

Restrooms needed at Boulevard Station on Monon Trail.

August 19 meeting at Garfield Park

Need communication with surrounding counties to coordinate planning...South White River and Johnson Co.

Problems with Ranger inattention to Greenways.

Need to do maintenance punch list...walk or bike the greenways.

Need rangers on their bikes so they can report safety, maintenance and security.

Worried about volume of trail usage if upper Pleasant Run is developed.

Need accommodations for elderly trail users and walkers. Perhaps use more stone surface.

Different opinions on Pleasant Run trail development in Warren Park.

Connect Pleasant run trail to White river and the zoo. Raymond Street traffic is very fast...look at another route.

Consider lighting on the trails.

Trails should be well-maintained in an efficient manner. Crews should coordinate. Privatization questioned.

On Upper Pleasant Run trail consider building an underpass to cross 10th Street.

Want P.R. trail extended to 21st Street and look at cleaning up the creek in this area.

Railroad crossing on P.R. trail north of Garfield has problems due to kids riding banks up and down embankment and throwing gravel onto trail surface.

Need trash containers along the trails.

Trail edge needs to be maintained to prevent grass from creeping.

16th Street crossing of P.R. trail will be difficult due to heavy traffic.

August 23 meeting at Thatcher Park

Develop the B&O trail to connect recreational facilities (Westwood, parks) and Eagle Creek trail and park and to schools.

West side needs trail links which could help with traffic congestion during races.

Hurry up and develop the B&O.

Need horse trail on B&O to link with horse trails in Hendricks Co.

Need Eagle Creek Trail to connect to IMS.

Need B&O to connect to downtown via on road bike lanes.

Connect Holliday Park to White River trail.

Reclaim the Penn Central line on the east side.

Preserve all rail lines within the city for future uses.

Need B&O trail for a safe place for kids to ride bikes.

Support for B&O and Eagle Creek trails.

B&O trail would promote more opportunities for tourism.

Develop remote parking adjacent to greenway trails and run shuttles to IMS. Bike rickshaws?

State should not allow rail lines to be abandoned. They should retain ownership for future uses.

On western fringes develop park and ride lots to commute via greenway trails into town.

Coordinate with Indy Go routes and have more bike racks on buses.

Look at room for bike lanes every time a road or bridge is improved.

Use Little Eagle Creek to connect to IMS.

Transportation use of trails should be a priority.

Congestion in Brownsburg.

Connect trails for transportation uses.

SOV

Eliminate eyesore by developing the B&O trail.

Acquire title to B&O corridor.

Look at Fulton Jr. high as a location along the B&O for outdoor classroom and have native plantings, connection to schools, facilitation of outdoor education and get to waters edge.

Make kids more independent by providing links to schools, shopping, play areas, libraries, etc...

Preserve greenspace along the B&O.

Save the B&O for eventual connection to State Parks and Illinois.

B&O would provide good connections to western rural areas for longer biking reaches.

Make more park and school connections.

Don't use asphalt to prevent rollerblades.

Need better trail user education to promote trail sharing and courtesy.

Recognize that trail development will have potential economic development opportunities (main st. in Speedway a good example.)

Demonstrate property value increases on existing trails.

Interconnect the big greenways in Marion County.

Provide more local connections to spine of greenway system.

Better maintain the on-road bike lanes-Lafayette Rd. bad.

Please use asphalt for trail surface to accommodate multiple use and users.

Promote safe bike riding despite auto traffic both on the gw's and getting to the gw's.

Society needs more physical activity such as walking and bicycling for better health and less dependence on cars.

Greenways provide business development and stimulates business.

Need more signage to direct users to nearby facilities with distances noted.

Need pay phones along gw's or emergency phones to report trouble.

Coordinate and tie into IMS activities.

Look at opportunities for mountain biking.

Eagle Creek trail to 56th Street options of Dandy Trail vs Reed Rd.

Dandy trail is safer because of more bike traffic, more attractive views of lake and wooded areas, too much traffic on Reed Rd. East side of Dandy trail has less homeowners, would go along back yards not front, not as many curb cuts but more berms, only 4 subdivision entries. West side of Dandy Trail would require more mature tree removal and has 13 driveway entrances.

Dandy trail is becoming a short cut from 56th St. to 46th St. so need to incorporate traffic calming devices.

Traders Cove on the lake would support east side Dandy trail reach.

Need a loop around Eagle Creek Park and connection to west side of park for mountain biking.

B&O should connect to Eagle Creek greenway.

August 25 meeting at Fall Creek Third Christian Church

The existing Fall Creek trail is hard to skate on due to rough surface.

Sand and sediment left on FC trail after flooding is a problem for bikers and skaters.

How will we enter Harrison State Park and will we have to pay an admission fee.

Need more off road bike trails with a natural surface like at 96th & White River.

Need a connection to Skiles Test Nature Park from new FC trail.

Need water fountains along FC trail (with doggy dishes).

Use more native plantings on FC.

Plant flowering trees along FC trail.

Need assistance to develop a private conservancy district along Mud Creek corridor.

Is there a mountain biking area in Harrison State Park.

Connect Pleasant Run Greenway to Southeastway Park ... Buck Creek.

Connect thru Harrison State Park to 79th St. complex.

Off-road cycling capacity needed.

Need nature trails along Buck Creek & Grassy Creek.

Look at Allisonville Rd. as a local connector to Sahn Park.

Use money for Allisonville Rd. widening for bike/ped trails instead.

Trails need to be wider than sidewalks.

Enforce development requirements regarding sidewalks and trails. Also use trails to substitute for sidewalks.

Multipurpose trails should be smooth and street set-backs should be maximized.

Need nature trail along Indian Creek.

Need bus routes that coordinate with Greenways.

Use 52nd Street as a bicycle route to eliminate having to drive to Fall Creek and the Monon.

Need better options so you don't have to drive to the trails.

Re-evaluate the old bike route system...traffic patterns and stops make them difficult to use (Keystone Ave.)

Make the canal aqueduct accessible so it can be used as an educational resource.

Coordinate trail development with CSO locations specifically at 38th-39th along Fall Creek.

Need connection from FC trail to Fairgrounds (old 39th St. bridge).

August 26 meeting at Riverside Park

Continue the momentum of development.

Improve the connection between the Central Canal trail and the White River trail.

Develop the Eagle Creek trail and connect to EC Park and Speedway.

Look at 34th St. as a connector to Lafayette Rd.

In the Martindale-Brightwood neighborhood connect Washington Park, Oxford terrace Park and Douglass Park together and to the Monon.

Not enough sidewalks and street are not safe...develop safe connections to all parks.

Work with IMS and develop partnership with possible funding and coordinate events.

Look at trail along old interurban line along Michigan Rd. to 86th St. with an east/west connection along 56th Street to Ec park and use old Toll House as a trailhead.

Connect along Pogues Run to Downtown and to Pleasant Run trail.

Need bike trail to connect Municipal Gardens to Riverside Park/30th Street area.

16th St. bridge needs to be widened to accommodate bike trail.

16th Street crossing of WR trail is dangerous.

Connect east side to Ft. Harrison State Park using Grassy Creek.

Incorporate Michigan Rd. multi-use path into plans.

Tree, log and stump removal from river is needed for safe boating.

Need more opportunities to use river...need evaluation of Marina.

Look at other underutilized corridors to incorporate into plan...Little Eagle Creek and Little Buck Creek.

Second Round

October 27 Meeting at Thatcher Park

Upgrade timing for development of the B&O trail. People need it!! Hurry up!

Change speed limit of Vermont St. from 35 to 25 because of impacts on pedestrians and wildlife connecting to Thatcher Park and Eagle Creek Greenway.

Try to promote air pollution issues/ alternative transportation issues for Thatcher Park valley area.

Use line down middle of trails to delineate trail traffic.

Students at schools ie: Speedway Jr. High, need to be told about B&O and have written material to keep. Perhaps arrange a field trip to show them a trail. Also consider this for Fulton and Ben Davis schools.

Between Raceway Rd. and Chapel Rock Church would be a good location for a pilot trail because Drake's Landing and Country Club already have B&O zoned as linear park. This would connect to the Ben Davis sports center.

Need restroom facilities with trail development.

Need sufficient parking spaces...maybe with a donation from private companies when they are not using them.

Need connection between Thatcher Park trail and Chuck Klein sports complex and the Eagle Creek trail.

Consider safety and security issues such as no alcoholic beverages on parks/trails.

Anyplace where an alternative route of a trail is proposed, incorporate the alternative to create a loop which adds to the dimensions of an otherwise linear trail.

October 28 meeting at Fall Creek Third Christian Church

Fall Creek Trail north by Ft. Harrison by Lee Road and 63rd Street ...try to make an off-road trail. Should be paved and keep a large buffer between road and pedestrians.

Need pedestrian flasher at 75th and Monon. The button is missing on the south side. Look at no turn on red for traffic going east on 75th St. and turning south on Westfield Blvd.

On greenways web site make it easier to find Greenways and ranger operation phone numbers.

Get letters with magnet program out.

November 1 Meeting at Garfield Park

Need to incorporate plan developed by Crooked Creek Community Council into Master Plan document. (plan to be provided by C4).

November 3 Meeting at Riverside Park

The proposed 10 year plan does not seem to be aggressive enough...do more!

Need more publicity of trails.

The limestone edge on the trails is good for dog walkers and joggers.

In the Ben Davis area is there a Plan B for the west side if the B&O doesn't go forward?

Have we taken advantage of the TE funding?

Be more aggressive!

November 4 Meeting at Broad Ripple Park

Great job...keep it up!