

INDIANAPOLIS GREENWAYS MASTER PLAN UPDATE

PUBLIC MEETING COMMENT SUMMARY

Trail Development & Amenities

- Water fountains needed every 2.5 to 3 miles (include doggy dishes).
- Need more bike racks at convenient locations.
- Need more bike racks on Indy Go buses.
- Try to avoid street crossings as much as possible.
- Look at lighting along trails (also a policy issue).
- Use more native/natural plantings along trails and at trailheads.
- Provide shelters along trails.
- Provide areas for walkers and runners away from bikes and rollerblades.
- Consider restrooms at key locations.
- Need more trash containers along trail routes.
- Need better signage to direct trail users to nearby facilities.
- Provide pay phones along greenways or provide emergency call boxes.
- Consider opportunities for mountain biking.
- Trail surface should be smooth.
- Use trails to substitute for sidewalks where necessary...do not use sidewalks for trails.
- Consider options to minimize user conflicts.
- Address parking deficiencies in key areas.
- Keep motorized traffic off of the trails.

Planning Issues

- Franklin Township needs connections to parks, library, schools and neighborhoods.
- Update bike route system to address alternative transportation routes.
- Southside and eastside and westside need trail links to downtown.
- Provide more bike lanes on city streets.
- Partner with utility companies to use corridors as greenways.
- More regional planning needed to link with surrounding counties.
- Connect on-road bike routes to greenways.
- Bike routes should be coordinated with bus routes.
- Merge community plans such as the Northeast corridor plan, the Michigan Road plan, alternative transportation plans, etc...
- Provide wider street shoulders and plan bike routes with each street and bridge widening project.
- Redevelop bike route plan and set new standards.
- Consider ways to link with neighborhoods close to trails without needing to drive there.
- Look at N&S line for a trail instead of light rail and use SR 37 for rail line.
- A greenway does not need to have a trail...look at emphasizing fishing, canoeing and nature activities.
- Create more loops and interconnections in the trail system.
- Consider the old interurban line as a greenway corridor from Michigan Rd. to 86th St. and use 56th St. as an east west connector. Use the old Toll House as a trailhead.
- Use transportation motive for trail development.
- Look at reclaiming the old Penn Central line on the east side.
- Consider park and ride lots on the fringes of the county to promote people riding bikes to work.
- Consider using smaller creek corridors as greenways (Little Eagle, Little Buck...)
- Look at more park and school connections.
- Interconnect the big greenways in the county.
- Provide more local connections to the spine of the greenway system.
- Develop safe connections to all parks.

Identify more opportunities to use the river.

Policy Issues

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

Use public service announcements or better emphasize more courtesy by trail users and obeying trail rules.

More enforcement of trail rules.

Work to preserve all rail lines within the city for future uses.

The State of Indiana should not allow rail lines to be abandoned...they should retain ownership until future uses are considered.

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

Recognize that trail development will have potential economic development opportunities.

Demonstrate property value increases on existing trails.

Promote trail use for better health.

Consider the use of lighting on trails.

Maintenance Issues

Better maintenance needed at 30th Street bridge and White River greenway

Need to do maintenance punch list on foot or bicycle.

Trail maintenance crews should coordinate for more efficiency.

Maintain trail edges to prevent grass from encroaching into pavement.

Gravel on trail near RR crossing on Pleasant Run trail north of Garfield from kids throwing debris off the RR embankment.

Sand and sediment on trail is a problem along Fall Creek.

Bike lane along Lafayette Rd. is often debris covered.

Remove trees, logs and stumps from river.

Security Issues

Need more ranger attention along greenways.

Need more rangers on bikes along the trails

Monon Rail Trail

Finish trail development to downtown.

Look at a farmers market along trail near Fairgrounds.

Review 38th St. crossing for safety concerns.

Provide a shelter near 86th Street.

Remove or screen port-o-lets at 75th Street (unsightly).

Review safety of crossing at 75th Street.

Install foot bridge over Williams Creek to provide access to trail from nature preserve (this has those in favor and against.)

Use 52nd Street as a connection between Monon and Fall Creek.

Link the parks in Martindale-Brightwood (Washington, Oxford Terrace & Douglass) to each other and the Monon trail.

Buck Creek Greenway

Link Southeastway to Paul Ruster park with trail and provide walking and mountain biking trails in the parks.

Need nature trails.

Grassy Creek

Need to plan trail development.

Need nature trails

Connect to Harrison State Park and east side.

B & O Corridor

Acquire title to the corridor.
Develop a trail from Downtown to Hendricks County.
Connect recreational facilities, EC park and schools.
Consider provisions for horse trail.
Trail needed to provide safe access for kids.
Development would provide tourism opportunities.
Use Little Eagle Creek to connect to IMS.
Consider Fulton Jr. High as an outdoor education area for trail users.
Preserve greenspace along corridor.
Protect corridor for future link to western Indiana and State Parks.
Could provide connection to much longer touring route.
Coordinate with IMS on activities, park & ride locations, bike park and shuttle locations and develop partnerships with funding attached.
Develop remote park and ride locations on west side.

White River Greenway

Change designation of corridor between College and the Riviers Club to conservation area/nature trail and place multi-use path on Riverview.
Pave trail crossing of RR bridge near Bush Stadium.
Safety concern at 16th Street crossing.
Need connection to Holliday Park.
Bike trail connection to Municipal Gardens needed.
16th St. bridge needs to be widened for bike lane.
16th St. crossing dangerous.

Fall Creek Greenway

Existing trail surface is rough.
Admission into Harrison State Park?
Need connection to Skiles Test.
Need water fountains with dog dish.
Use more native/natural plantings and use flowering trees along trail.
Connect through State Park to 79th Street area.
Coordinate trail location to stay away from CSO's.
Connect to Fairgrounds via 39th Street.

Central Canal Greenway

Light blue posts at crossings are too narrow to get strollers and bike trailers through
Make aqueduct area accessible...educational tool.
Improve connection to White River Trail.

Pleasant Run Greenway

Safety concern on RR crossing by Citizens Gas.
Concern about volume of traffic if trail is extended north.
Connection needed to White River, zoo and downtown. Raymond Street is very busy is there another alternative.
Consider an underpass to cross 10th Street.
Extend trail to 21st Street and clean up creek in this area.
Crossing of 16th Street will be difficult.
Connect to Southeastway Park.

Eagle Creek Greenway

Needs to connect to IMS.
Dandy Trail vs. Reed Rd.
Need a loop around Eagle Creek Park and look at place for mountain biking on upper west side of Park.

Need to connect to the B & O.
Consider 34th Street as a connector to Lafayette Road.

Pogues Run

Connection to downtown and Pleasant Run.

Indian Creek Greenway

Need nature trails.

Mud Creek Greenway

Need assistance for development of a private conservancy district.