

MUD CREEK GREENWAY

Overview

Mud Creek, which flows from the county's northern border to Fall Creek, is an important natural resource and wildlife habitat in Marion County. Because of the creek's proximity, development in Hamilton County directly influences the health of Mud Creek, the area surrounding the creek, and the wildlife that inhabits the area. Even though a large portion of the corridor lies among low-density residential development, the corridor has the feeling of being a natural, undeveloped area. Residential property owners respect the natural setting and take care to preserve it. Since the inception of the first Greenway Plan adjacent property owners, to allow for further protection of the corridor, have established a Mud Creek Conservancy District. Currently, there is no formal public recreation development along the creek.

MASTER PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS

2001 to 2006

1. Work with the Mud Creek Conservancy District and the Sargent Road Association to monitor development in the area and advocate for preservation of the corridor.

2007 to 2012

1. Continue to work with the Mud Creek Conservancy District and the Sargent Road Association to monitor development in the area and advocate for preservation of the corridor.

Public Vision Statements

Mud Creek is home to a variety of wildlife including deer, muskrat, and waterfowl and a wide variety of rare plants. Because of the bio-diversity in this corridor, the only use suggested by the public for Mud Creek is conservation. Establishment of a conservation area by individual property owners along the length of the corridor would protect water quality and prime wildlife and plant habitat. Development along this corridor should be discouraged. The restoration and stabilization of stream banks in this corridor should be considered. In addition, Indianapolis should coordinate preservation efforts with Hamilton County in order to monitor development and determine its impact on the corridor.