

HURON WATERLOO PATHWAYS INITIATIVE

2017 YEAR-END REPORT

ABOUT HWPI

Our 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 Commision to complete the Border-to-Border Trail and realize our vision of healthy, active, and connected communities. The Michigan Fitness Foundation serves as the fiduciary for our nonprofit organization.



Support HWPI:

Please make checks payable to our fiduciary: The Michigan Fitness Foundation and mail to:

Huron Waterloo Pathways Initiative 14800 E. Old US 12 Chelsea, MI 48118

To give online visit **huron-waterloo-pathways.org/donate** "I would like to express my sincere appreciation to everyone who supported the Karen's Trail Campaign, as donors, volunteers and advocates. I have been overwhelmed by the generosity of the community and its tremendous enthusiasm about the B2B." – Susan Faulkner,

Executive Director, HWPI



2017 PROGRESS

The community is very supportive

- 100 volunteers helped support and spread the word about the Border-to-Border Trail (B2B) project
- We were out in force at more than 20 events as part of our Karen's Trail Campaign community outreach effort
- We regularly engaged with our 1,600 trail supporters through social media and our online newsletter

Businesses and individuals are giving generously...

- In 2017, we raised a total of \$1.9 million
- The Karen's Trail Campaign raised over \$450,000
- 600 unique donors have provided financial support to our work



We launched the **Karen's Trail Campaign**, a public awareness and fundraising effort to honor the life and legacy of Karen McKeachie, a worldclass athlete from Ann Arbor and a pioneer in women's sports. Karen has inspired the community to complete the B2B, creating safe recreational pathways and encouraging active, healthy and connected communities.

Our public-private partnership is strong...

- HWPI worked with the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission (WCPARC), the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the Washtenaw County Road Commission and more than a dozen community groups this year
- \$5.2 million in state grants were secured over the past 18 months through the collective efforts of WCPARC and HWPI
- 38 businesses and individuals made multi-year financial commitments to fund the Trail

HWPI is ready to support building the B2B...

- We established physical offices in the Chelsea Wellness Center, thanks to the Five Healthy Towns Foundation
- The HWPI Board hired an Executive Director in July, 2017



CONSTRUCTION PLANS

Looking Ahead

Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission (WCPARC), in partnership with HWPI is very pleased to proceed with the rapid expansion of the B2B. The construction planned for 2018 and 2019 will make great strides toward the completion of the 70-mile, non-motorized, 10-foot wide, ADA compliant (Americans with Disabilities Act) pathway.

2018 Confirmed Construction

We are nearly complete with engineering, permitting and funding requirements and anticipate building two trail segments in the spring of 2018.

Chelsea/Stockbridge Connector (Phase 1) - 2.60 miles

This segment begins at the intersection of M52/Werkner and ends at the DNR's Green Lake campground. The segment will connect to the Waterloo Recreation Area and the DTE Foundation Mountain Bike Trail System.

The Huron River Trail (Phase 2) – 1.20 miles

This segment begins in the Dexter-Huron Metropark and ends at Zeeb Road. It will include 2 bridges and eventually connect to the Zeeb Road Trail being built by Scio Township.

Potential 2018 Construction

Three additional trail segments are almost at "shovel-ready" status and COULD be built in 2018, if enough private funding can be raised to match Washtenaw County and State of Michigan funds.

Chelsea/Stockbridge Connector (Phase 2) - 2.2 miles

This segment begins at the Green Lake campground and ends at North Territorial Road.

Dexter-Chelsea Connection (Phase 1) – 2.2 miles

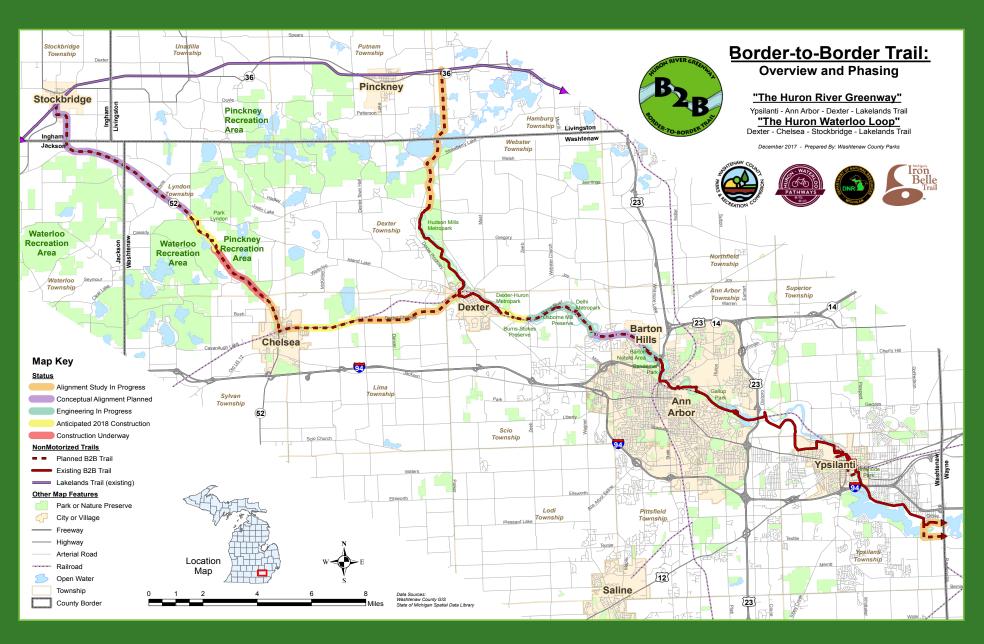
This segment begins at Freer Road and heads east on Dexter-Chelsea Road.

The Huron River Corridor Near Ann Arbor - 0.6 miles

This segment begins near Barton Dam and traverses Barton Nature area within Ann Arbor. Studies are currently underway for possible 2018 construction.

The WCPRC and HWPI are committed to active construction along the Huron River every year and are striving for completion of the B2B by the fall of 2021. Help us to make sure the 2018 construction blitz continues into 2019.

With your support we can build this amazing Trail system!



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