



Frequently Asked Questions

What is Aboite New Trails and its mission?

Created in December, 2001, Aboite New Trails, Inc. is a dynamic, not-for-profit corporation whose mission is to improve the quality of life for Aboite Township citizens through the creation of over 50 miles of multi-use trails.

What are the advantages of a trail project in Aboite?

Many studies prove that trails and greenways positively impact a way of life for communities by providing not only recreation and transportation alternatives, but also by influencing economic and community development. Thousands of communities across the country are positively impacted by a trails network and boast their economic, safety, recreational, and environmental benefits.

What is the overall cost of the project?

This is a project made up of three primary phases, which are projected to cost a total of \$10-\$11 million. Cost estimates include planning, designing and engineering, right-of-way acquisition, and construction.

What is the construction cost per mile?

Costs differ throughout the plan based on many different factors.

How will the project be funded?

The fundraising plan calls for a combination of private and public funds including Federal, State and local grants, corporate funding, in-kind donations and grassroots/individual contributions. The formal fundraising campaign begins in early 2005.

How long will the project take and when will it be completed?

While there are many variables, we hope the project will be completed in 6 to 8 years.

What will the trails be made of and how will they look?

The trails will be a hard surface, allowing for a multitude of uses, including bicyclists, pedestrians, in-line skaters, wheelchairs, strollers, and runners. They will typically be 10-feet wide with an average of 8 feet from the roadway, separated by a grassy strip.

Who will maintain the completed trails?

The trails will be constructed in the public right of way; therefore maintenance will be handled much like maintenance for the roads

How were the trails chosen?

A 2003 Feasibility Study commissioned by Aboite New Trails and completed by a local engineering firm identified possible trail routes throughout Aboite. The routes for trails were then further prioritized based on safety concerns, construction costs, the number of residents served and connectivity to the "township hub" at the intersection of Homestead and Aboite Center Road.

How does the Aboite New Trails project fit into other trails projects in the Fort Wayne area?

The Aboite New Trails plan is incorporated into the overall Greenway Improvement and Expansion plan coordinated by the City and the new Greenway Manager. The plan is also part of the new 2030 Transportation Plan, which is the long-term transportation plan for our region. ANT trails will eventually connect with the Fort Wayne Rivergreenway, helping to create a regional network of trails.

How can I help?

There are two primary ways you can help. You can volunteer your time and talents and/or you can make a financial contribution. For more information, please visit our website at www.aboitenewtrails.org.

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