



A Better Way to Live

See where it takes you – a breakdown of the construction phases

Imagine living in a community where you walk to your friends' houses in other neighborhoods. Where your kids bike to their lessons and practices. Where they skate to the playground and walk or bike safely to school. Envision strapping on a pair of Rollerblades and skating to the Y or going for an evening run without having to dodge traffic.

People live this way in other cities. Cities like Dayton, Madison and Indy. So why not here in Fort Wayne? Why not right here in Aboite Township? We are just as capable of being as active, of being as connected, of being a part of this kind of community as the people in those cities. We just have to make it happen.

And happen it will with the development of the Aboite New Trails plan – a series of interconnected 10-foot wide paths that will stretch virtually from the Whitley County line through Aboite Township past Jefferson Pointe to the Fort Wayne Rivergreenway.

When complete, the more than 40 miles of trails within these three phases will serve over 33,000 people in Aboite Township. It will miraculously connect hundreds of neighborhoods, at least 5 schools, more than 60 businesses, nearly 20 churches, multiple playgrounds and parks, and ultimately link to the other major networks of trails throughout the City and its environs. Covering most major roads throughout the Township, the Aboite New Trails system of trails will bring people closer to one another, adding vitality to this community, and improving a way of life for everyone.

Review the Aboite New Trails Phase Plan (on the next page) and see where *you* fit in. Spot your church or your kids' school. See your neighborhood, your dentist, your grocery store, your best friend's house. And see how this project and its destination trails touch you. We promise it will change the way you think about your community. Aboite New Trails...a better way to live.

Phase I *

Phase I, the most densely populated Phase in the ANT plan, services over 17,000 Aboite residents. Its nearly 13 miles of trails provides safe pedestrian access to 49 different neighborhoods, 21 businesses, 6 churches, 5 schools, several playgrounds, a country club, and much more. These trails will connect to the sidewalk in front of the Jorgensen YMCA, providing direct access to its fitness amenities. Phase I includes several of the busiest streets in Aboite Township, including portions of State Road 14, Covington Road, Scott Road, Aboite Center Road, and Homestead Road, where bicyclists, walkers and

joggers currently share the busy roads with moving vehicles, negotiating dangerous turns and curves. Phase I will eventually connect with Phase II.

Phase II *

Phase II will add 14 more miles of trails to the ANT trail system. It will connect 14,000 more residents, add 42 more neighborhoods, 2 more schools, 10 more churches, 3 more parks/playgrounds, including a trail directly to the Jorgensen YMCA and Three Rivers Junction, as well as 13 more businesses to each other and to those in Phase I. Primary roads in Phase II include Aboite Center Road, Liberty Mills, Amber Road, Bass Road, Hadley Road and Scott Road. It will eventually connect with the final Phase, Phase III.

Phase III *

Phase III will add 15 more miles of hard surface trails to the system, allowing its nearly 2000 residents to connect to the other phases and to each other. Phase III includes 12 more neighborhoods, 32 businesses, 2 more churches, and Fox Island County Park and Natural Preserve. Its major roads include portions of County Line Road, SR 14, Ellison Road, Noyer Road and Bass Road. It provides connectivity to the Fort Wayne Rivergreenway and other trail systems throughout Fort Wayne. Once complete, the three phases together will ultimately provide pedestrian access to most of Aboite Township.

Data compiled by ANT Board members. Numbers are approximate and were compiled from several different sources, including Southwest Allen County Schools population statistics, online research, and plain old driving around!

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