

WABASH RIVER GREENWAY



THE VISION



The WABASH RIVER GREENWAY will be a 90-mile long destination recreation corridor of land trails, parks, river access, and blueway river trails. The Greenway will provide nature-based walk, jog, bike, and paddle connectivity to river communities within west central Indiana. It will ultimately deliver a regionally and nationally significant destination

recreation trail as a place-making amenity for Indiana residents and attract adventure tourists to experience the local history, bicycling tours, competitive events, dining, and entertainment that Wabash Trail Towns have to offer. From Cass County to Fountain County, this trail system will compliment and connect to existing trail routes within the ten county Wabash Heartland Innovation Network (WHIN) with a focus on improving water quality and wildlife habitat along the Wabash.

Comprising a watershed of more than two-thirds of the state, the Wabash River was the primary transportation corridor of indigenous tribes and provided them with an abundance of fish and wildlife. This destination recreation trail development will give this historically significant route new life as an alternative transportation corridor. The primary benefits of the Wabash River Greenway will come in several forms: accessible transportation facilities for active living and commuting, corridor-oriented new private development investments with housing and entertainment offerings, trailhead parks to improve greenway access, corridor-wide internet connectivity to enhance user experience with river town offerings, and water quality and habitat restorations to embellish the life and nature of Indiana's greatest river corridor.



PLAN DEVELOPMENT

The Wabash River Greenway planning effort is being guided by a Steering Committee comprised of public officials, economic development leaders, and trail group representatives from the five Wabash River counties of Cass, Carroll, Tippecanoe, Fountain, and Warren. Master Plan development is being provided by Kimley-Horn, a national planning and engineering firm with a local Indianapolis office from which this project is led.

Since June of 2020, the design team has met periodically with the Steering Committee to provide updates on plan development and to solicit guidance on local trail needs, greenway branding, website design, and local attractions, among other items. Recent committee guidance provided decisions on the greenway logo, website format, and pilot project options.

PUBLIC OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT

During November and December 2020, the design team arranged pop-up stations in public buildings and libraries throughout the greenway corridor with information about the project. Display boards included a photo board where the public was asked to use adhesive dots to vote on the trail images that most appealed to them. Another board described what components make a greenway while another provided the public an opportunity to post their likes, dislikes, opportunities, and concerns. Printed survey sheets collected in a ballot box asked for the top attractions in each respective county. All the information collected has been recorded and summarized and is being used in plan development.



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

TAKE THE SURVEY!

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