



Greenway Report

by Kathy Boling

In February, the [Greenway Consortium](#) voted for the 2006 Board of Directors. Well, I was voted in so I will continue to write these reports. We have a new President, Alison Adams. She is also with the New Haven trails group and has been with the Consortium for a number of years. She has a lot of knowledge about the trail system.

Ray Irving, former Indy Greenway's director, was in town this past month and sat in on many of the trails/pathways meetings. As I listened to him, I couldn't help of thinking he is the Dr. Phil for Greenways. He is a powerful motivational speaker and has great insight to trail development. It was inspiring to listen to him and know our city can have the same results as the [Monon](#) or [Cardinal](#) trails if we work together.

The Greenway Consortium and [Aboite New Trails](#) are ready to do just that. They have formed a team to focus on the Towpath Trail. This trail is moving forward with a section being paved this summer. Lutheran Hospital is very interested in getting this trail across Hwy 24 and around their property. The homeowners that at one time seemed to be roadblocks are ready to get the project started. Chuck Bash has been very helpful with legal descriptions for the properties along the way.

With the mild winter we have had, the New Haven Trail will be done before expected. The boardwalk will be laid and the asphalt path will be poured starting in April. They will be finished with the trail and have a ribbon cutting ceremony at 1 PM on Sunday, June 4th. There will be numerous activities, including a bike ride, on that day starting at the boat launch off North River Rd.

Northwest Allen Trails and the Indiana Trails Fund recently purchased land along the former New York Central line, including the area adjacent to LaCabreah.

At the Greenway Coalition meeting, it was decided to call our regional network, the Three Rivers Regional Greenways Network. Dan Avery of NIRCC will help put together a state-wide master plan.

Spring is in the air, and with that many folks will be getting out of the house and cruisin' around. Unfortunately, not all will be on bicycles so please use caution riding on the roads. Make sure you are seen, by wearing brightly colored clothing. Share the road goes both ways.

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