

# Greenway Report

by Kathy Boling

Our city has been very fortunate to have Dawn Ritchie as the Greenway Manager. She has taken this job by the reigns and ran with it. There has never been more work and improvement applied to our trails, in such a short period of time, as there has been this year. She has strived to get involved with all the trails groups, by attending their monthly meetings, hosting quarterly Greenway Coalition meetings and held the second annual Greenway Summit. She reports all her findings to the Mayor at the monthly Mayor's meeting. All this has been instrumental in getting a regional trail system that will work.

We have had more media coverage this year about trails. In case you missed some of it, here is a reflection of 2005...

- The River Greenway has had over 3 miles repaved.
- A Greenway Rangers program was implemented to maintain and keep 'an eye out' on of the trails.
- Much needed signage was put up along the St Joseph, Maumee and St. Mary's pathways.
- A two mile Circle of Hope is in place downtown Fort Wayne.
- Many bridges are being repaired and bike lanes added thanks to the County Commissioners.
- Police bike patrol was increased with no incidents to report.
- The Lakeside pathway was opened after a much needed repair.
- A two mile pathway from New Haven to Fort Wayne was opened.
- Aboite New Trails has pavement down on over 3 miles of trails.
- Northwest Allen trails has trails at Solomon Farms and the Dupont YMCA.
- NIRCC has finished a 2030 Transportation Plan which includes; trails and bike lanes.
- ...and much more

It is all coming together with more in the works for 2006.

There have been numerous volunteers with all these projects. Thank you to all that have helped in making our trails system improve. Because of your help and efforts we have a safe place to ride our bikes.

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