

# Greenway Update

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It is officially open! The New Haven section of the Greenway is open. The 3 mile trail had the barriers lifted on Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> of June. This is an 8 foot wide blacktop path with a few wooden sections added to raise the path from the water. It has been very well received as I see many users walking, jogging and cycling. The barricades will soon be removed from by the Lakeside Golf Course area.

Trail markers and information signs have been put up along the New Haven path and the Fort Wayne section is soon to follow with their first sights on the downtown area. As you travel the pathway you will notice quarter mile markings on the pavement. The mile markers are color coordinated, to mark    mile,    mile,    mile and the mile.

As you know, the city is doing a lot of road repair; well the Greenway is doing some too. Foster Park is the first to get its new layer of pavement. If you are using the path to get to work allow yourself some extra time in case you have to detour. Also, be careful going around corners, the path is used by many users and some are not so fast to move out of your way. Call out your intention as you are approaching and overtaking anyone on the path. Please use common courtesy.

The Fort Wayne Police Dept is stepping up its patrol this summer and will have police on bicycles on the River Greenway. If you encounter a problem and need to make a call for help use the mile markers to help identify the area you are in. The police are familiar with the color coded trail markers and will be able to assist you quicker.

Big news! If you have tried to find out where you are by using the Greenway map and failed, you will be happy to know it is being revised. Dawn and her map team are very hard at work getting ideas for the map. Greenway Consortium board saw the first draft and the map will have more information than the previous one. The board went through the draft and pointed out items that were overlooked. Dawn made notes and will take them to her next map meeting. This map will be shown to the 3RVS for more ideas.

NIRCC came to our June bike club meeting. Dan Avery and Matt Peters gave a presentation that was informative and exciting for any cyclist. Roads are being looked at as future bike routes and bike lanes are being added to some secondary highways. Paths and trails are great but you really can't ride fast on them. Bike lanes will allow speedier riders to move through an area quicker.

If you haven't been cycling long you probably were unaware we did not always have a Greenway Manager, Trail groups or Transportation Planners that cared to make a safer and better way of travel for us and for the future cyclist. Please support these groups in any way you can. Financial is probably the best support you could do right now.

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