

Greenway Update

by Kathy Boling

On November 14th Greenway and trails enthusiast filled the River Lodge at Shoaff Park to hear our Mayor and elected officials for the 2nd Annual Greenway Summit. Mayor Richard started the night off by saying “We must take a regional approach to greenway and trail development to benefit as many people as possible.” Then others followed by sharing how trail systems work in their area and how they will be implemented into future plans.

As part of the Northeast Region, we will have opportunities to receive more grant money because we are paving the way for more people to use the trails. The quote below is from the Fort Wayne Newspapers by Mayor Richard:

“Greenways and trails are valuable assets to our region. We must capitalize on this tremendous opportunity to make a positive difference in the lives of many. We must be committed to better physical fitness and exercise. The greenway provides us with links to parks, schools and neighborhoods. It also helps us promote a Green City that’s more environmentally friendly. Businesses look to communities that have greenway resources. Greenways and trails can help us retain and gain jobs and stimulate economic growth.”

This has proved to be true as Decatur, Bluffton, Roanoke, Auburn and Angola have seen our success and want our Greenway to connect to theirs. Huntington and Huntertown have never had a pathway system and now they want one as well as having it connect to Fort Wayne. Ohio has a wonderful trail system and is hoping to connect to Fort Wayne through the New Haven system.

New Haven is going full steam ahead. The water main is done and work has started again on the pathway. They will be connecting the Landin Rd. section to Rose Ave. The connection from Landin Rd. to Moser Park should be complete by spring.

What a great Christmas gift! Give the gift that keeps on giving like a membership of the Greenway Consortium. You are invited to attend monthly meetings, to hear and share ideas of pathways. You will receive quarterly newsletters to help keep you abreast of what is happening in our region. This is a must to help continue trails in our area.

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GREENWAY CONSORTIUM MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name (please print)

Street address

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E-mail
Attend monthly meetings the 1st Tuesday of every month at 9AM @ the Parks Dept. 705 E. State Blvd. Please join them today. Any questions – contact Kathy Boling Publicity@3rvs.com 260-432-5526

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