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Growing and Growing and Growing....

The **Cardinal Greenway** project south being built from County Road 532 East in Delaware County to Losantville started in October.

Beaty Construction was awarded the project by INDOT (Indiana Department of Transportation).

Before the weather turned cold Beaty Construction was able to place most of the trails gravel base. Paving was installed from Blountsville to County Road 1200 West near Losantville. During the winter months an original railroad bridge near Blountsville will be reconstructed.

This new segment will take visitors through beautiful wooded areas. It will create some great new destinations.

Upon completion Cardinal Greenway (collectively) will have 39 miles of paved rail-trail passing through 5 counties. Cardinal Greenway is the longest continual rail-trail in Indiana.

Planning continues for the construction of **White River Greenway** Phase III. The consulting engineer submitted their preliminary plans to INDOT for review and comment. The environmental review is nearly complete. After local review, and INDOT's comments, finalized construction documents will be prepared and submitted to INDOT for an INDOT letting date. Timing of construction has not been determined.

Trees, grass and prairie plants will be installed in the spring of 2006 at the **Pocket**

Park just northwest of the Depot by White River.

The **cantilever walkway** along Wheeling Avenue is a City of Muncie project. The city's consulting engineer completed the final plans. INDOT has tentatively scheduled a letting date for March. The start of construction is not scheduled. Upon completion the cantilever will create a valuable link from Minnetrista to Tuhey Park along the White River Greenway.

For more detailed information on any of these projects please contact the Cardinal Greenway office at 765-287-0399 or info@cardinalgreenway.org.

Rail-Trail Trivia

- Number of trails completed on former rail corridors in the U.S. : 1,359
- Total mileage of those trails: 13, 150
- Additional rail-trails in the project phase of development: 1,172
- Number of the 50 U.S. states having at least one rail trail: 50
- Nations most visited rail-trail: Virginia's W&OD Railroad Trail with 3 million annual visitors
- Average smiles-per-mile of U.S. rail trail users: inestimable
- Source: Rails-to-Trails Conservancy: www.railtrails.org



Thank you to our Greenway volunteers for preparing this newsletter for mailing!

"Everyone can be great because anyone can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't even have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve.... You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."

—Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Letter from the Board President

Thank you for your support and encouragement this past year. You are so special to all of us. Recently I've been learning that life comes down to this: God is in everything. Regardless of what difficulties I am experiencing at the moment, or what things aren't as I would like them to be, I look at the circumstances and say, "Lord, what are you trying to teach me?" Stay strong and safe in this new year and when you need a little boost remember Sheila Waters words from "Look To This Day"

For it is Life, the very Life of Life
In its brief course lie all the varieties and realities of your existence
The Bliss of Growth;
The Glory of Action;
The Splendor of Beauty;
For yesterday is already a dream, and tomorrow is only a vision
But today, well lived, makes every yesterday a dream of happiness, and every tomorrow a vision of hope.
Look Well, Therefore, To This Day!!!!

Thank you for Believing in the Cardinal Greenway.....see you in 2006.

Teresa Willman
Cardinal Greenway

Greenway Apology

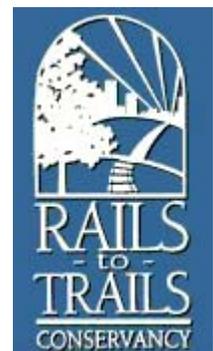
It has been brought to our attention that we regretfully omitted a generous donor from our \$1,000 and above donor list. A sincere thank you to the John R. and Mary K. Stanley Fund.

Greenway Trail User Guide

New Trail Users Guides are coming spring 2006!

The guides are getting a facelift for 2006. They will have more street/crossing detail, mileage chart, destinations and more.

Your business can advertise in the new guides!
Call for information 765-287-0399.



Grant and Wayne County News

The Cardinal Greenway in Delaware County, is the corporate office for the Cardinal Greenways in Grant and Wayne Counties. Each of these trails functions separately, forming its own committees, programs, funding and volunteer programs. Grant County features a trail 7.9 miles in length connecting Marion to Jonesboro. Wayne County currently has 2.5 miles of trail starting at Industries Road and traveling south. For maps you may visit our web site at www.cardinalgreenway.org and click on maps.

Grant County Annual Meeting

The Grant County Steering Committee of Cardinal Greenway, Inc. will hold its Annual Meeting on Monday January 30, 2006. The meeting will take place from 7 to 9:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the Old National Bank, 100 S. Washington Street in downtown Marion. Admission is free, and the public is encouraged to attend. "Trail Opportunities in North and Central Indiana" will be the subject of the main presentation to be given by Kevin Heber, Director of the Hoosier Rails-to-Trails Council,

and Richard Vonnegut, President of the Indiana Trails Fund. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information contact either of the Grant County Co-Chairman: John Selby, 765-948-4220 or jselby@frontiernet.net or Rich Curfman, 765-662-6068 or rcurfman@sbcglobal.net.

One of Marion's Stars

Jimm Milligan is a volunteer for the Cardinal Greenway in Grant County. It is the dedicated volunteers such as Jimm that make the Greenways in our communities and across the United States great.

Jimm has spent hours plowing the trailheads with his own equipment. While plowing he has even helped a couple of motorists at the trailhead who have had car troubles.



Skiing is a great workout

all white and sort of framed the trail as far as you could see. I guess you had to be there but it was really a nice picture, next time I am going to bring my camera. I sat there for awhile and enjoyed the view. As I sat there a runner passed by and gave a friendly thumbs-up. He ran down the snowy trail until he ran out of sight. It made me feel good to know that the trail is being used in the winter and all of our efforts are appreciated."

Thanks Jimm!

Jimm writes, "The trailhead at Miller Avenue was a "winter wonderland". As I finished plowing I was facing the trail. I had plowed the snow on both sides of the entrance and dipped out the entrance gate. The trees and brush were



New-fallen snow creates a winter wonderland

Greenway Testimonial

I work at Ball State, about the center of campus. I am lucky to live only a mile or so from work, so normally I walk, or sometimes ride my bike. This becomes less convenient when I have to be somewhere, such as a doctor's appointment, during the day. Then I either have to walk home and drive from there, or drive to work and pay \$5.00 to park.

On September 21, I had an appointment for 4:15 p.m. at

the Imaging Center near the corner of Tillotson and White River Boulevard. It occurred to me that the White River Greenway went just about to there. I rode my bike to work that day, and at a little before 4:00 p.m., left work and mounted up again. After threading my way through a bit of campus, it was a straight shot down Martin Street to White River Boulevard, across the street and onto the Greenway. *Continued on page 4*

Maintenance Team Wish List

As the trails grow so does the need for additional equipment. Please consider a gift of equipment to the volunteer maintenance team. Monetary gifts may be made to be used specifically towards any item. In some instances used equipment is acceptable. Receipts are available to all donors. Special recognition opportunities also exist.

- Commercial type Weed/Brush Trim-

mer (with string & brush blades) \$350-\$400

- 13hp Little Wonder Blower \$1,200
- 2000 Watt Generator \$250-\$300
- Sump pump for Depot basement (back-up) \$250
- Large commercial type ZTR mower \$5,000-\$8,000

- 3 pt. hitch cycle bar mower \$750-\$1,000
- 30hp utility tractor w/bucket (used price) \$7,500-\$10,000
- 5'x8-10' utility trailer \$800-\$1,200

For more information please contact Jerall Ross, Maintenance Coordinator, at 765-287-0399.

Programs on the Greenways

The Cardinal and White River Greenway are popular places for fundraising events. They provide a safe, attractive and relaxing venue for walk and bike-a-thons and marathons.

Naturally, spring is the busiest time of the year for this activities. Everyone has cabin fever and is ready to get out—increasing the attendance of such events.

There is an application in place for such activities. When you complete the form it lets the Greenways know where and when you will be meeting, how many participants you expect and your route. This ensures the safety and enjoyment of the trails to your participants and the everyday trail user. This way multiple groups do not show up at the same parking lot on the same day or two walking

groups do not share the same route confusing the walker.

Anyone that wishes to hold an organized walk, run or bike ride should contact the Greenways office for an application form. Printable forms are also available online at the Greenways calendar page at www.cardinalgreenway.org.



A successful event requires a lot of planning. The Greenways offers guidance to organizations and clubs planning events on the Cardinal and White River Greenways.



Testimonial continued

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In almost no time I was through Westside Park and at the center; it took only 12 minutes to make the trip. I'm 50 years old, and my bike isn't a racer, it's an old-lady 3-speed with coaster brake. I'm not what you'd call a fast rider; but, I hardly could have made it quicker in a car. I was a half-hour at the center, then rode home the same way.

There was no gas used, no fossil-fuel emissions, no parking fee, I got some exercise, the river was pretty, and I didn't have to worry about sharing the road with cars that might not see me. Certainly a difference from when I first landed here 12 years ago. The Greenways are really an asset.

-Sue Weiland, Muncie



National Recreation Trails Photo Contest

American Trails is sponsoring the 2006 contest for photographs of National Recreation Trails across the country. This annual contest provides awards in several categories. The goal of the contest is to highlight the diversity of the NRTs and to make more Americans familiar with these great trails.

The contest is looking for good photos of trail users as well as special facilities, art on the trails, management issues, construction, and volunteers. They also want to see entries that cover the many types and uses of National Recreation Trails throughout America.

Awards will be given in the following

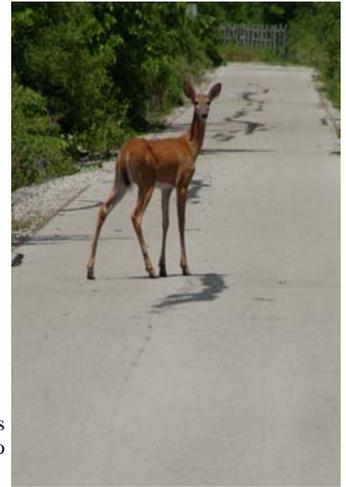
trail categories: trail use, trail management, and trail features.

Deadline for entries is August 31, 2006

For complete contest details and rules visit americantrails.org/nationalrecreationaltrails. Printed copies are available at the Wysor Street Depot, 700 E. Wysor, Muncie, IN 47305. You may also request the information be mailed to you by calling the Greenways office at 765-287-0399.

Get your cameras out and head to the Cardinal Greenway!

Photo by Steve Rogers
Thornburg Studio



Cardinal Greenway is a designated National Recreation Trail

Call for Segment Adopters

A huge THANK YOU to the entire army of Greenway volunteers that have been so faithful, dedicated and hard-working. It has been a good year and you are to be congratulated. You have done a great job!

We are still playing catch up to a lot of different issues on the trail since last years ice storm. Bridges need to be sealed, benches sanded and stained, we have eroded spots along the trail as well as the occasional vandalism, sign repair and replacement. Then there is the constant battle with litter and vegetation. The list could continue, but I'm sure you get the point.

That is why we are looking at the entire volunteer system of adopt-a-

segment, rangers and maintenance personnel with a "how can we improve" attitude.

The first to be surveyed/evaluated is our adopt-a-segment program. Those of you in the segment adopter program can expect to, or may have already, received a phone call that will hopefully update us on your status as well as information about your segment. In the coming weeks we will be adding another 7 miles (approx.) to our trail system which increases the need for more adopters. We are starting to compile a pool of potential volunteers for not only the staffing of the new segment to Losantville but also in hopes of adding more people to the existing sections of trail. Please give us a call if you or someone you know is inter-

ested in adopting a segment.

We hope to have everything in place for the first sign of spring. Yes, I can dream of spring, even now. Thanks for your help in making this transition and as always, please call when and if you have suggestions, input or comments.

-Jerall Ross, Maintenance Coordinator

Adopt-a-segment volunteers can be individuals, clubs, churches etc. A segment of trail is assigned to be cared for. The adopter visits their segment as needed to clear debris, check for vandalism and report and needed care to the office. Segment adopters work in conjunction with the Maintenance Team and Rangers.

Be an Active Volunteer for Your Community

Join the Cardinal Greenway Adopt-a-Segment program. Want more information? Call us at 765-287-0399 or fill out and mail to us at Cardinal Greenway, Inc., 700 E. Wysor St., Muncie, IN 47305. Thank you!

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Dec. 23—Jan. 3—Depot closed	Apr. 19—Wellness Wednesday
Jan. 18—Wellness Wednesday	June 3—National Trails Day
Feb.15—Wellness Wednesday	July 29—Great Greenway Tour
Mar. 15—Wellness Wednesday	Oct. 13, 14 & 15—Greenway Giddy-up
Mar. 31-Apr. 2 Hoosier Horse Fair, Shonda	Nov. 23—Turkey Trot
Kane speaking April 1 on Greenway Giddy-up	

Wellness Wednesdays

Wellness Wednesdays by the Delaware County Health Department will start again in January. They are held at the Depot from 9-11 a.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. Health screening for glucose (free), cholesterol (\$5), blood pressure (free). Fast 8 hours prior. For information call the Delaware County Health Department 765-747-7814.

**New at the Depot Gift Shop!
Tye-dye long sleeve Greenway shirts! \$15.00**