

## Property Values



- **Indianapolis Cultural Trail, IN**  
Within one block, home prices increased 148% from 2008-2014  
Indiana University Public Policy Institute, 2014
- **Little Miami Scenic Trail, Ohio**  
Sale price of single-family home increased \$7.05 for each foot closer to the trail  
Karadeniz, Duygu, The Impact of the Little Miami Scenic Trail on Single Family Residential Property Values, 2008

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## Community Revitalization

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## Conservation

- Corridors of preserved open space and habitat
- Biological filters to maintain and improve air and water quality
- Preservation and interpretation of historic transportation infrastructure
- Fossil fuel conservation - doubling of current 1% of all trips by bicycle would collectively save > 693M gallons of gasoline/year.

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**Social**

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## Turning Ideas into Reality



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## Keys to Early Success

- **Local Steering Committee**
  - Trail sparkplug(s)
  - Formal and informal opinion leaders
  - Motivated, enthusiastic volunteers
- **Community meetings and public communication**
- **Vision and plan based on public input**
- **Creation of a Friends group**

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1980 Concept Map  
(Crescent Trail Association)

**Connectivity!**  
Linkages between:  
Crescent Trail  
Canalway Trail  
Trolley Trail

Perinton trails: ". . . like the string of a jeweled necklace"

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**Hiking Guidelines**

- Stay on the trail, stay on the plan, and respect landowners signs
- No bicycles or recreational vehicles
- No firearms, firearms, camping, or fires
- Please respect trees, plants, and other life forms
- Use of poison bait

**South Section**

- Orange Blazes - Main Trail
- Blue Blazes - Loop Trail
- Yellow Blazes - Branch Trail
- Red Blazes - Connecting Trail
- White Blazes - Access Path
- Blazes for Blind Hiker/Limit

Public Parks or Open Property  
Property Lines  
Off-Street Parking  
Points of Interest

0 .25 .50 .75 Miles

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**PARKS & TRAILS**  
New York

**Funding**  
*An important catalyst*

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## Federal

### Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act

- **Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) set aside (TAP)**
  - NYS \$26.7M/yr. in 2016-17; \$27.3M/yr. in 2018-2020
- **Recreational Trails Program – NYS \$2.2M/yr.**
- **CMAQ and Highway Surface Improvement Programs**

AASHTO Summary of the New Surface Transportation Bill, 12/16/15

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## Other Federal Funds

- **National Highway Traffic Safety Administration**
  - \$14M/yr. to decrease motor vehicle/bike and pedestrian crashes for states with bike-ped fatalities >15% **NEW**
- **Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor**
  - Event and festival sponsorships ~\$500; Jan. 2017
  - Erie Canalway (Matching) Grants - \$2,000-\$7,000 to advance goals and strategies of the Preservation and Management Plan, Sept. 2016

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## State Funding

July 29, 2016

- **NYS Council on the Arts, Arts, Culture and Heritage Projects - \$5M**
- **NYS Community Development Block Grant Program - \$25M**
- **New York Main Street Program - \$5M**
- **Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, Environmental Protection Fund - \$20M**
- **Department of State, Local Waterfront Revitalization Program - \$19.5M**
- **NYS Canal Corporation Canalway Grants - \$1M**

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## Private Funding

- **Doppelt Family Trail Development Fund**  
Rails to Trails Conservancy - \$85,000/yr. (2017)
- **Community Foundations**
- **Businesses and Individuals**
- **Events**

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## Money Isn't Everything

### Partnerships

**Vital to Getting it Done and Continuing the Effort**

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## Possible Partners

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Property owners</b></li> <li>• <b>Local governments – force account, grant sponsors</b></li> <li>• <b>Scouts</b></li> <li>• <b>School projects</b></li> <li>• <b>Civic groups</b></li> <li>• <b>Businesses and corporations</b></li> <li>• <b>Health care providers</b></li> <li>• <b>Trail friends groups</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Land trusts</b></li> <li>• <b>Inmates, alternatives to incarceration</b></li> <li>• <b>Student Conservation Association</b></li> <li>• <b>Individuals</b></li> <li>• <b>State and regional agencies</b></li> <li>• <b>Parks &amp; Trails New York</b></li> </ul>
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