Trails Plan Summit Results

The following section outlines the findings of the Indiana Trails Plan Summit held on May 31, 2006. In general, attendees were grouped based on their geographical location within the specified regions. Within each group, participants identified and prioritized potential trail destinations and broad corridors that have potential for the development of trails by local and private entities.

The visionary trails system map presented in Chapter 1 was re-generated based on the comments received at the summit and from comments received at the subsequent trails plan public meetings.

The maps and lists presented on subsequent pages represent the results from each individual mapping session. The formats vary slightly from session to session. These results are a speculative vision of potential trail corridors that could be developed through the efforts of multiple entities.
NORTHWEST REGION

TOP RANKED CORRIDORS
Marquette Greenway
American Discovery Trail Alternate Route
SR 49
Cedar/Newton Corridor
South Shore Corridor
Panhandle Connection / SDT
SR 421
C & O Corridor
Water Corridors

DESTINATIONS / POINTS OF INTEREST (SIGNIFICANCE)
South Bend (State)
Casinos (Regional)
Hammond / Gary / Michigan City / Whiting
South Shore Rail (regional)
Boutiques / Specialty shops in downtowns of many communities
City of Chicago (State)
Lake County Visitors Center, Hammond (State)
Star Plaza, Merrillville (Regional)
Lake Michigan (State)
Westfield shopping town, Hobart (State)
Lighthouse Place outlet mall, Michigan City
Marinas
Exit 256 Outlet Antique Mall
Fishers Oak Savannah (State)
Holly Oak Savannah, Wilmington, Jasper Co. (State)
LaPorte city parks
Michigan city parks
Valparaiso city parks
Winamac town park, Swinging Bridge (Regional)
Tippecanoe River (Regional)
Monterey (Town of) center of a number of trails east of Bass Lake
Bruce Lake
Denham Motorcycle Museum
Crown Point Historic Courthouse
Lubeznik Art Center, Michigan City (Regional)
Washington Park Zoo, Michigan City (Regional)
Kankakee Sands Nature Preserve, Newton Co. (State)
Earl Park (yearly festival)
Benton County Trail using Railroad
Pan-handle Pathway (Pulaski, Cass Counties) (State)
Monon Railroad in Monon
County Courthouses

Renессlaer downtown, historical area, county seat, developing a trail head on river (Regional)
Fair Oaks, Dairy Farm (State)
St. Joe College in Renессlaer (State)
Imagination Glenn Park (State)
Portage lakefront park (Regional)
Veterans Memorial - Munster (Regional)
Lansing, Illinois (State) state connection
Crown Point - Historic Courthouse (State)
Hoosier Valley Railroad Museum, North Judson (Regional)
Lomax Station, Lomax Starke Co. (Regional)
Lake Co. Fairgrounds (Regional)
Red Mill County Park, Otis, LaPorte County (Regional)
Bluhm County Park, Westville (Regional)
Creek Ridge County Park, Michigan City (Regional)
Luhr County Park, LaPorte (Regional)
Marquette Beach County Park, Gary (Regional)
Washington Park, Michigan City (Regional)
Crown Point, County seat (Regional)
Kentland County Seat (Regional)
Bass Lake, Starke County (Regional)
Rohrman Park, Schererville
Sherwood Park, Schererville
Reder Park, Schererville
Lemon Lake, Cedar Lake (Regional)
Cedar Lake at Cedar Lake (Regional)
Stoney Run Park, Winfield Township near Leroy (Regional)
Grand Kankakee Marsh Park, near Shelby (Regional)
Three Rivers Park, Gary (Regional)
Deep River Park, Hobart (Regional)
Buckley Homestead, Lowell (Regional)
Sunset Hill, Valparaiso (Regional)
Dunn’s Bridge Park, Porter County (Regional)
Indiana Dunes State Park and National Lakeshore
Valparaiso University and County Seat
County parks
Town of Porter new Visitor’s Center (State)
Purdue University, northwest (Regional)

NORTH CENTRAL REGION

CORRIDORS (PRIORITY)
US 31 / Nickel Plate
Winona
Cardinal Greenway
South Shore
TRAIL SUMMIT RESULTS

Wabash River
Pottawatomi Pathway
Old Lincoln Highway
Indiana Toll Road

POINTS OF INTEREST/DESTINATIONS (SIGNIFICANCE)

Pumpkinvine Nature Trail (Regional)
Goshen Park System (Regional)
Plymouth (city of) (Regional)
Elkhart County and St Joseph County along St. Joseph River (State)
Potato Creek State Park (State)
University of Notre Dame (State)
Bonneville Mille County Park (Regional)
Krider World’s Fair Garden (Regional)
Granger and St. Patrick’s County Park (Regional)
South Bend Regional Airport /Shoreline (State)
Michigan Beach Line (State)
Seven Pillars (Indiana trading post, limestone formations) (Regional)
Mississinewa Reservoir / Dam (State)
Sweetzer Switch Trail (State)
Cardinal Greenway (State)
Town of Converse (Regional)
Maconquah High School (Regional)
Grissom Air Museum (State)
Elkhart River Walk and Commons (Regional)
River Bluff Trail (Regional)
Little Turtle Waterway (Regional)
Town of Monterey (Regional)
Walkerton, North Liberty, Lakeville (Regional)
City of Rochester (Lake Manitou) (Regional)
City of Kokomo (State)
Winona Lake (Regional)
Mentone Egg (Regional)
Packerton Mall (Regional)
River Preserve County Park (Regional)
Town of Syracuse (Regional)
Nappanee - Amish Acres (Regional)
American Countryside (Regional)
Judy Burton Nature Preserve (Regional)
Fulton County Historical Society (Regional)
Pike Creek Falls (Regional)
Ivy Tech in Logansport (Regional)
France Park (Regional)
Riverside Park, Cass County Carrousel (Regional)
Patriot Park (Regional)
Cedar Island (Regional)

Culver - Culver Academy (State)
Peru - Circus Hall of Fame (State)
Manchester - Manchester College (State)
Salamonie Reservoir (State)
Oxbow Park (Regional)
Shipshewana - Amish Country (State)
Bendix Woods County Park (Regional)
Edwardsburgh (State)
Downtown South Bend (State)
Spicer Lake Nature Preserve (Regional)
Town of New Carlyle (Regional)
Town of Bristol (Regional)
Elkhart County Historical Museum (Regional)
Goshen College (Regional)
Old Bag Factory (Regional)
East Bank Trail (State)
Potawatomi Park/Zoo (State)
Rum Village Nature Preserve (Regional)
Cole Porter Home (State)
Oakhill Winery (Regional)
Elkhart Environmental Center (Regional)
Woodlawn Nature Center (Regional)
Cass County Historical Museum (Regional)
East Race Waterway (State)
Pinhook Park (Regional)
Headwaters of Kankakee River (Regional)
Tippecanoe Nature Preserve (Regional)
Ancila College (Regional)
Miami County Museum (Regional)
Circus City Festival (Regional)
Winona Mountain Bike Trail (State)
Chinworth Bridge (Regional)
Town of Laketon (Regional)
Roann Covered Bridge (Regional)
Stockdale Mill (Regional)
Mallard Roost Public Access Site (State)
Benton Landing (Regional)
Potawatomi Park (Regional)
Old Town Pump (Regional)
Bankers Row (Regional)
Canal Crossing (Regional)
Logansport Hospital (Regional)
Spencer Park (Regional)
Fitches Glen (Regional)
Lake Cicott (Regional)
Wabash Honeywell Center (State)
Town of Middlebury (Regional)
Town of Bremen (Regional)
Das Essenhaus Complex (State)
TRAIL SUMMIT RESULTS

Leiters Ford (Regional)
Indiana Toll Road (State)
Wakarusa (Regional)
DT Akron (Regional)
Etna Green (Regional)
Royal Center (Regional)
Walton (Regional)
Galveston (Regional)
Town of Warsaw (State)
Pierceton (Regional)
Boot Lake Nature Preserve (Regional)
Kingsbury Fish and Wildlife Area (State)

NORTHEAST REGION

Identified Corridors (Significance)

- Lincoln Highway Trail (State)
- Cannonball Trail (Regional)
- Huntington / Salamonie (Regional)
- Extension of Upstate Trail (State)
- St. Joe River Extension (State)
- Wabash River Corridor (State)
- St. Mary’s River Corridor (Regional)
- State Road 120 Indiana Trail (State)
- Old Route 27
- Wawasee Trail (Warsaw) (State)
- Wabash River (Maumee River) from Wabash to Fort Wayne to Ohio (State)
- Fort Wayne to Sturgis, Michigan (State)
- Visionary Trail to Quabach (Upstate Indiana Trail) (State)
- Fort Wayne to Indy (State)

Points of Interest (Significance)

- Heritage Square Downtown, Fort Wayne (State)
- Chief Richardsville House (State)
- Cline Museum
- Tri-State University (State)
- Fish Creek Trails (Regional)
- Wild Wind Buffalo Preserve
- Limberlost State Historic Site (State)
- Loblolly Wetland Preserve (Regional)
- Eagle Marsh (Regional)
- Crane Marsh
- Windmill Museum (Regional)
- Natural Lakes (State)
- Noble Amish Country (State)
- Cannonball Connector (Regional)
- St. Mary’s River Corridor (State)
- St. Joseph River Greenway (State)
- Spencerville Covered Bridge (Regional)
- James Dan House, Gravesite and Museum (State)
- Mississinewa Battlefield (Regional)
- Lincoln Museum (State)
- Pokagon State Park (State)
- Fox Island (Regional)
- New Haven - historic transportation related sites (Regional)
- Allen Co. War Memorial Coliseum (Regional)
- Wizards Stadium (Regional)
- Huntington University (State)
- U.S.6 Grand Army of the Republic
- Monesser Trail Park (Regional)
- Black Pine Animal Park (Regional)
- Merrylea Environmental Center (Regional)
- Greenfield Mills (Regional)
- Collins School (Regional)
- Underground Railroad houses (State)
- Whipple truss bridge
- IPFW/IVY Tech Center, Fort Wayne (State)
- Johnny Appleseed Trail / Grave (State)
- Cumberland Covered Bridge
- Metea County Park (Regional)
- Wabash Erie Canal (State)
- Three Rivers (State)
- Maumee River Valley Corridor (State)
- St. Joseph River Corridor (State)
- Historic Downtown Kendallville (Regional)
- Little Wabash and Wabash River Corridors (State)
- Huntington Lake (State)
- Salamonie Lake (State)
- Abandoned Erie Railroad (Regional)
- Pigeon River State Wildlife Preserve (State)
- Elkhart River (Regional)
- City of Ligonier (Regional)
- History City/Fort to Port (Interstate Connection) (State)
- Sylvan Lake
- Gene Stratton Porter (State)
- Chain O’Lakes State Park (State)
- Kruise Auto Park / War Museum (State)
- Ouabache State Park (State)
- Acres Preserve (Regional)
- Cedar Creek Canyon Corridor (Regional)
- Shipshewana (State)
- White Pines Trail (State)
- Additional Connector to Fort Wayne Children’s Zoo-Franke Park (State)
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Grabil - Amish Country (Regional)
St. Joseph (East of Corridor)
Fort Wayne portage points and entry to the Midwest (State)
Historical Old Fort (State)
Headwaters Park (State)
Grand Wayne Center Botanical Conservatory (State)

**EAST CENTRAL REGION**

**CORRIDORS**
National Road/US 40
Cardinal Greenway/American Discovery Trail
Monon with extensions to Nickel Plate RR and B&O on Indy westside
Connector through Johnson and Shelby Counties through abandoned RR corridors or US 421 that link southern Indiana routes with central Indiana
White River
Wildcat (bisects Howard Co.)
Whitewater River through Richmond

**DESTINATIONS**
Morse Reservoir
Geist
Eagle Creek
Prairie Creek
Summit Lake
Restored Wetlands in Marion and Hancock Counties
Fall Creek
White River
Whitewater East Fork into Ohio (Riverside Trail)
Big Blue River
Wildcat Creek in Howard County
Thistlewaite Falls and Whitewater Gorge in Richmond
Falls along Fall Creek
Nature Preserves - Redtail Nature Preserve
Westwood Lake Park - Summit Lake
Earlham College in Richmond connects to National Trail and Gorge
IUPUI and Marian College - connects to White River and many recreation facilities in Indianapolis
Taylor University
Anderson University-near Mounds State Park and White River
Indiana Wesleyan
Ball State (use School of Architecture for help)
Franklin College and University of Indianapolis - potential connections to Attebury and southern trails.

*Note: Several colleges and universities are near the Cardinal Greenway and can be used as feeder routes. Districts in Marion, Hamilton, and Madison Counties Minnetrista Center in Muncie Historic Homes Tours Lafayette Trace in Hamilton Co. Historic Richmond Connor Prairie links to White River Underground railroad - link to DHPA African-American Heritage Plan Both US 27 and US 31 have underground RR routes. B&O Trail links Indianapolis Raceway Park in Clermont and the Indianapolis Speedway Wilbur Wright F&W in Henry County potential connection to Cardinal Greenway Many communities and counties in East Central have historic districts and National Register designated areas.*

**WEST CENTRAL REGION**

**POINTS OF INTERESTS**
State Parks (protected natural areas)
Existing corridors/trails systems
Historic sites
Waterways
Universities
Courthouses
Rail corridors
Agriculture heritage
Wineries/breweries/chocolate factories
Connectivity
Wabash Erie Canals
North-South Corridor (US 231 Corridors) (Waterway features)
ISU / RH IU
Look for previous State Roads reverted to local use/control
Benton/White/Carroll County void
Link courthouses to courthouses as destinations
Covered bridges
Watch for environmental impacts at rivers next to railroads
Feasibility route
Fitness possibilities
Economic development
Quality of experience
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POINTS OF INTEREST
- ★ Statewide Significance
- ✈ Regional Significance
- ▲ Other

TRAIL OPPORTUNITIES
- Pink: State/Backbone
- Orange: Regional
- Green: Other

Map showing the East Central Region of Indiana with points of interest and trail opportunities marked.

Scale: 0 4.5 9 18 Miles
TRAIL CONNECTIONS

Farm Heritage Trail with Frankfort
Frankfort up to Delphi with Monon Corridor
Continue to Monon Line from Marion County to
Frankfort and beyond Logansport - Monticello
Lebanon with Westfield along abandoned railroad
corridor
Indiana Beach at Monticello
Warren Co. - Big Pine Creek
Owen- Putnam/Greene/Sullivan State Forest
Knobstone Trail to Martinsville
Big Walnut Creek
DePauw University
Connecting state parks
Bartholomew and Brown Counties to Bloomington
Wabash River
Crawfordsville west - abandoned Peoria - E.Ill. Line
Wabash Erie Canal
Courthouses
B&O with Raccoon, Shades, Turkey Run and Illinois
IU, ISU University Campuses
North Terre Haute Gateway Covered Bridge
North T.H. to Brazil, North to Clay County
Frankfort Roundhouse
Railroad round houses generally
Watch for opportunities (challenges) to connecting
with I-69 corridor
Small town granaries
Agricultural history in general
Agricultural education

RURAL HISTORIC DISTRICTS

Delphi - Monon Highbridge Trail
Attica Wabash - Erie Canal with nature preserves /
Pecan Basin
Land Trust holdings
People Pathways in Greencastle
Covered Bridge Festival routes in Parke County
Vigo (Terre Haute) System
Historical Cemeteries
Ernie Pyle State Historic Site
Putnam County Museum
Circle route around Indianapolis - use state roads
(routes) already there
William Henry Harrison Trail
Ronald Reagan Parkway
White Lick Creek - Morgan Co. North through Hen-
dricks County and on
Native Tall Grass Area
State forests to each other
State forest to major populations
Michigan Road Corridors (original)
Hoosier Heartland Highway
Water trails - Rock Creek, Deer Creek, and Wildcat
Creek
Montgomery County Sugar Creek - Clinton County
through Montgomery County to Shades and Turkey
Run state parks
Museums (Crawfordsville)
Wabash College
Bloomington, Lake Monroe, Lake Lemon to Brown
County
Tippecanoe State Park to Prophetstown State Park
along Tippecanoe River

SOUTHWEST REGION

CORRIDORS (IN RANKED ORDER)

Wabash
I-69
Hoosier Forest
State Road 54
State Road 231
State Road 64
Ohio River
White River

POINTS OF INTEREST

Milltown
Blue River
English, IN
Perry County
Indian Lake, Buzzard Roost, Celina Lake, Hem
lock Cliffs, Tipsaw Lake, Ohio River Marina, Deer
Creek, Rock Point
Mt. Vernon
Bristol Myers, G.E. Plant (new project)
Cawleyville
Kimmell Park (Vincennes)
Oubache
Bone Bank
Wineries and Vineyards - French Lick, Kaufman (Mt.
Vernon), Windy Knoll, Winzerwald, Ireland, Oliver,
Indiana Uplands, and Rogers & Clark
Henderson, KY
Martin Co. - Williams Dam, Spout Springs,
Lawrence Co. - Covered Bridge
Blues Springs
Fairbanks Land Use
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Merom Turtle Creek Reservoir
Sanborn and Elnora
Sullivan
St. Francisville Bridge
Hutsonville
Wabash River
Clarks
Levee System
Agricultural Center
White Oak
Indiana Territory
Red Skelton home
Cypress Pond
Mt. Carmel
Patoka Island
Merom Conference Center
Lawrence County Recreation Park
State Hospital (Evansville)
LST/ship
Pigeon Creek
Springs Valley Lake
Lost River
Westey Chapel
Pioneer
Paoli Peaks
State parks
Rivers
Hoosier National Forest
Patoka Reservoir
Goose Pond
Shakamak State Park
Greene Sullivan
Ohio Scenic Route
Eagle Bluff
Oakland City-lake
Winslow
Forrest Park
Princeton
Toyota
Lynnville
Merom Bluff
Shirley Creek
Wyandotte
Marengo Cave
Youngs Creek
New Harmony/Hwy 66
American Discovery Trail
Wasselman Woods
Mesker Zoo
Museums - Evansville
French Lick, West Baden springs
Ferdinand - St. Meinrad
Jasper
Holiday World
Lincoln State Park
Ohio River state byways
Mitchell
Spring Mill State Park
Bedford
West Boggs Park
Martin County State Forest
Hindostan Falls
Crane
Glendale Fish and Wildlife Area
Amish Country / Montgomery
Pike State Forest
Redbird State Riding Area
Interlake
Minnehaha Fish and Wildlife Area
Hillenbrand Fish and Wildlife Area
Dugger
Abandoned Mine Lands
Blue Grass Creek
Sugar Ridge Fish and Wildlife Area
Newburgh
Evansville
Angel Mounds
Mt. Vernon
Burdette Park
Hovey Lake
Twin Swamps
Maritime Center
USI
University of Evansville
Ivy Tech

**SOUTHEAST REGION**

**Regional Trails**

42-mile Tecumseh Trail, (Brown County, Yellowwood, Martinsville)
National Boy Scout Hiking Trail
24-Mile Brookville Reservoir Trail
Ohio River Greenway
90-mile trail, Louisville, Jeffersonville, etc. Scenic byway, S.R. 50, 56, 156, 62 (some trail, some highway)
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**Corridors**

- Indianapolis - Louisville
- Cincinnati to Indianapolis
- Louisville to Cincinnati
- Louisville to Bloomington, Nashville, Morgan County
- Bloomington to Indianapolis
- Nashville to Columbus to Richmond
- Columbus to Greensburg, new road, big bike potential
- Madison to Ripley County to Fort Wayne, Follow 421 (Michigan Road)
- Lawrenceburg to Vincennes along US 50
- Columbus to Madison

**Destinations**

- Brookville Reservoir
- Versailles State Park
- Brown County State Park
- Yellowwood State Forest
- Clifty Falls State Park
- Falls of the Ohio State Park
- HNF
- Hickory Ridge Trail System
- Delaney Park
- Deam Wilderness
- Sparksville County Park
- Mary Gray Bird Sanctuary
- Crosley Fish & Wildlife Area
- Marlin Dam
- Ohio River Oxbow – Dearborn County
- Columbus (City) Arch
- O’Bannon Woods State Park
- Whitewater Canal (Metamora)
- T.C. Steele Mansion & Historic Site
- Lanier Mansion & Historic Site
- Corydon Mansion & Historic Site
- Whitewater State Park
- Hillforest
- Verasta
- Historic Madison
- Whitewater Mansion & Historic Site
- Culbertson (New Albany) Mansion & Historic Site
- Jeffersonville Historic District
- Aurora (Dearborn County)
- Friendship (Ripley County)
- Underground RR Trail
- Louisville to Indianapolis (points)
- Tourism project in Bartholomew County
- Anderson Falls (east of Columbus)
- Oldenburg
- Selmier State Forest
- Nashville, IN
- Salem - John Hay Museum
- Squire Boone Caverns
- Casinos - Dearborn, Harrison, Ohio, Switzerland counties
- Wineries - Indiana Wine Trail (Dearborn, Switzerland, Jefferson Counties)
- Hope
- Nashville
- Hubers Winery, Starlite
- Stemler Orchard, Starlite
- Town of Brookville
- Koetter’s Forest Discovery Center
- Courthouses
- Whitewater Valley RR
- Whitewater SP
- Storey (Brown)
- Houston School
- Greensburg Courthouse
- Muscatatuck NWR
- Hardy Lake SRA
- Pigeon Roost
- Nebo Ridge trailhead
- Millhouse
- Tecumseh trailhead
- Commisky (Jennings) Streamcliff Farms
- Mansion Road - New Albany
- Covered Bridges - Rush County
- Milroy Amish Community
- Vevay
- Perfect Slopes (Lawrenceburg)
- Vernon
- Louisville Attractions-Slugger, Frazier Arms, various others
- Cincinnati Attractions
- Becks Mill (Wash. Co.)
- Spring Mill SP
- French Lick/West Baden-casino
- Paoli Peaks
- Patoa Reservoir
- Camp Atterbury
- DNR & Military
- Marengo Cave
- Colleges - tri/out of region
  - (Hanover, Franklin IUS, Earlam, IU, IUPUI)
Blue Springs Caverns
Williams Dam
Lewis/Clark departure site
Monroe Reservoir
Loop Island Wetlands
Shipyards (Jeffersonville)
War Memorial – Salem Courthouse
Battle of Corydon Park (Civil War Site)
Monon Museum
Oldest industrial park (Connersville)
Salem Speedway
Versailles Town Square
Big Oaks NWR
Huddleston Farm House, Wayne County
Centerville

The following are reports from the five afternoon sessions. From the comments collected from participants, a brief synopsis was presented to the governor during the closing session.

**Trails Challenges and Solutions**

**LOCAL CHALLENGES**

I. Funding
   A. Competition for federal dollars
   B. Lack of local match dollars

II. Land acquisition
   A.Cumbersome procedures and requirements
   B. Landowner concerns
      1. Property rights
      2. Trail neighbors
   C. Maintenance commitment
      (parks departments and not-for-profits are short on long-term funding)

   **LOCAL SOLUTIONS**

   I. Creative funding
      A. TIF districts
      B. User/impact fees
   II. Public/private partnerships
      A. Developers
      B. Universities
      C. Corporate sponsors
D. Community foundations  
E. Chambers of commerce  

III. Land acquisition  
A. Public relations campaign on economic benefits  
   1. Corridor owners  
   2. Neighbors  
B. Use of existing corridors held by trail-friendly owners  
C. Inclusion of trails plans in local comprehensive plans  

IV. Maintenance  
A. Funding from “creative funding” sources  
B. Grass roots and civic organizations volunteer light maintenance  

STATE CHALLENGES  

I. Land acquisition  
A. Legal framework that inhibited state corridor preservation  
B. Coordination across multiple jurisdictions and local plans  

II. Priorities for different geographic areas  

STATE SOLUTIONS  

I. Same as local solutions  
II. Encourage additional state buy-in  
III. Streamline processes to be consistent with scale of project  
IV. Legislative updates  
A. Enhancement of ability to preserve corridors  
   1. Abandoned railroads  
   2. Waterways  
B. Clarification of safety, security, and liability standards  
V. Appointment of state trails coordinators for different regions  
VI. More state-sponsored opportunities for collaboration (e.g., State Trails Plan Summit)  
VII. Public education  
VIII. Coordination with neighboring states’ greenways plans  
IX. Reduce local match requirement to 10 percent  
X. Allow more flexibility in types of credits for local match (e.g., sweat equity, previous work)  
XI. State level support system to make available expertise in all areas of trail development to local and not-for-profit trails organizations  

Coordination of Trails Effort  
(Federal, State, Local and Private)  

I. High Priority Solutions  
A. Creation of central commission for trails  
B. Legislative creation of trails conservancy districts  
C. INDOT, subdistricts and MPOs with staff bicycle expertise  
D. State designation of trail-recognition program with incentives and disincentives  
E. Trails-mandated plan by legislation  
F. Passage of legislation that mirrors Mississippi for trails conservancy districts  
G. Endorsement of Indiana trails by governor  
H. Legislative establishment of a statewide coordinator  
I. Regional meeting to share information  

II. Other Solutions  
A. Effective public meeting at the local level  
B. Improvement and enhancement of trails partnerships  
C. Development of community support and statewide marketing  
D. Establishment of formal relationship with foundations and development of other partnerships  
E. Support for local groups  
F. Statewide coordination of funding for projects/areas  
G. Inclusion of all trail users  
H. Flexibility for local conditions  

Trails/Roads Relationship  

PLANNING  

I. Enrollment of Community Leaders  
II. Education  
A. State to local leaders  
B. Local leaders to public  
C. Local leaders to developers  

PLANNING SOLUTIONS  

I. State-urged community prioritization to create local greenways plans and passage of ordinances to ensure their implementation  
II. Emulation of communities with demonstrated greenways success by those developing greenways  
III. Publishing trails vision and benefits to community through communication and public outreach
FUNDING / LAND ACQUISITION

I. Multi-owner issues
II. Right-of-way issues
III. Limited resources
IV. Unwilling sellers

FUNDING / LAND ACQUISITION SOLUTIONS

I. Simplification of INDOT acquisition requirements
II. Fees to developers
III. Cigarette tax
IV. Sales tax on vehicles getting less than 10 mpg or not ethanol-powered
V. Assistance to local communities’ search for grant money and matching funds
VI. Improvement of regional organization
VII. City-mandated inclusion of right of ways through local ordinances
VIII. Better structure for acquisition by easements and condemnation

SAFETY

I. Design issues
II. Impact to adjacent properties
III. Traffic and crime

SAFETY SOLUTIONS

I. School-based education
II. Traffic-calming applications
III. Proper design and buffer applications
IV. Lighting
V. Law enforcement
VI. Fencing
VII. Demonstration of success
VIII. Establishment of statewide standards

FUNDING

RECOMMENDATIONS

I. State funding sources
   A. Dedicated fund for planning/design/construction and maintenance
   B. Revenue sources
      1. Specific user fees
      2. Recreation impact fees
      3. CPA determination of revenue source providing maximum “bang for buck”
   C. Tax credits and incentives to developers
   D. Increase priority for trails funding within current state budget
   E. Critical need for maintenance monies for cross-jurisdictional trails

II. Central state coordination for all trails information
   A. Ombudsman to work out conflicting issues between state agencies
   B. Funding-source coordination/information
   C. Development of trails standards
   D. Advocate for trails
   E. Centralized data collection, especially of economic benefits of trails
   F. Help with grants, grants writing
   G. Web site
      1. Trails design
      2. Examples of successful grants
      3. Funding applications
   H. Facilitation assistant to help locals work through trails issues in their boards and with constituents.

I. Help in cutting through red tape to finish a trail

III. Funding mechanisms
   A. Rejection of vast majority of grant requests
   B. Review of state agency priorities
      1. Projects that get funded but before local agency can start
      2. Locals ready to start but do not get funded
   C. Stringent federal trails standards
      1. Federal highway specs are too expensive
      2. Part of recommendation for state-funded trails system was to avoid federal standards
   D. Delegation of funding to regions where better decisions can be made on priorities
   E. Long grant rounds
   F. Lowering of match
   G. Exploration of problems with the upfront engineering and design costs that are paid by locals.

(Facilitator Note: Real confusion on this point. A representative from federal highways was in the room. She clarified that these fees could be rolled into the grant request and the local group reimbursed. Some of those present thought it was an ineligible cost. To keep the group moving, it was suggested they talk after the session, so we don’t have all the details. Part of the problem could be how INDOT handles these engineering fees in its grant requirements.)

IV. Local Funding
   A. Create a model ordinance requiring developers to plan trails into their
developments.
B. Model standards that enable developers to construct trails. Highway standards scare off developers as too expensive.

V. Need for clear designation of who is in charge of public/private partnerships

VI. Utilities
A. Better coordination when planning phase for major infrastructure changes
B. Increased awareness of utilities involved before starting construction
C. Trails construction interrupted for utility work

VII. Leveraging foundation funds, including getting influential people on local boards
(Facilitator’s Note: One gentleman had a mathematical formula worked out on how to leverage monies to reduce local match.)

VIII. Networking
A. Within trails community
B. Civic groups
C. Local foundations
D. Developers
E. Educational institutions
F. Health providers (hospitals developing trails on their campuses)
G. Businesses and industries actively trying to reduce health insurance costs
H. Identification of sources for continuing trails maintenance monies

IX. Outreach
A. Governor/ Lt. governor promotion of trails throughout state
B. Learning to work with trails opponents

X. State development of high-profile linear parks
A. Leadership by example for locals
B. Showcasing of best practices
C. Connection of major thoroughfares
D. Demonstrate viability/importance of trails system
E. Collect valuable economic data on value of trails

POTENTIAL GAPS IN TRAILS PLAN

I. State’s plan succeeds only if locals succeed. How can state fund other areas that affect trails?
A. Schools
B. Hospitals
C. Business
D. Industry
E. Airports

II. Legislation regarding public facility infrastructure coordination planning to force
local government entities to work together
A. Roads
B. Utilities
C. Recreation corridor plans

**RAW DATA**

I. Funding Challenges
A. Person to spearhead fundraising
B. State agency coordinator with land acquisition skills
C. Local matching funds
D. Selling investment ideas to local communities
E. Up-front planning money for engineering designs
F. Maintenance costs
G. Lack of grant-writing experience
H. Unavailability of local return-on-investment information
I. Viewing trails as economic development
J. Inconsistent prioritization of trails value
K. Lack of general public knowledge about trails
L. Delays in obtaining up-front money
M. Lack of economic vision
N. Lack of research on economic value
O. Allowing state bonding and local referendums
P. Limited local resources
Q. Need for multipurpose views to reduce competition with local users
R. Interagency coordination with funding
S. Front-end money for reimbursements

II. Funding Issues
A. Reduction or adjustment of match requirement
   1. By demographics
   2. By ability to pay
B. Allowing front-end engineering costs to be eligible for federal transportation grants
C. Clearinghouse to determine funding ground rules and deadlines
D. Useful bike lanes in road projects
E. New possibilities for revenue
   1. Soda pop tax in North Carolina
   2. TRIP District—economic districts
   3. Sporting goods tax—Texas
F. Better state funding for planning costs (engineering, design fees)
G. Centralized state trails support for grant writing
   1. List of grant writers

2. Clearinghouse for funds/fund information
3. Economic data
4. Standard trails design
H. Reassessment of funding priorities by INDOT so that projects that are ready to go take precedence over those that now score higher but may take years to be actionable
I. Reducing grant rounds and fund projects in phases
J. Identification of base users to gain local support
K. Showing results by adding a section every year to maintain momentum
L. State legislators’ allowance of local use for some enabling legislation for taxes like TIF or credits for local developers to complete trails in their plans
M. Short-term necessity to keep public officials and locals informed
N. Long-term planning to get trails advocates into decision-making positions in government
O. Need for economic data
   1. Support for value of trails
   2. Tying of trails to employment
P. De-politicization of trails at state level
Q. INDOT maintenance of bridges used for trails

III. Local Issues
A. Need for centralized state agency
   1. Grant writing
   2. Training
B. Regional communication and networking
C. Portrayal of governor as credible local advocate to sell connection of economic, tourism value of trails
D. Identification of local personnel with status to create momentum
E. Develop a structured way to leverage other sources to minimize use of local funds

**Maintenance and Operations**

**NO FUNDING FOR MAINTENANCE**

I. Local Solutions
A. Increased public-private partnerships
B. Volunteerism with private partners

II. State solutions
A. Initiating of revenue enhancement
B. Revenue sharing based on trails mileage
**IMPEDEMENTS NOT ADDRESSED BY STATE PLAN**

I. Need of uniform maintenance standards for local jurisdictions. Standards vary widely with the training/knowledge base for smaller jurisdictions lagging well behind those of larger metropolitan areas of the state.

II. Need for mechanism for sharing “best practices” from local, state and national levels.
   A. Statewide Web site forum
   B. Periodic workshops
      1. Statewide
      2. Regional
   C. Best practices recognition program (similar to the National Scenic Byway program at Web site listed at bottom of page)

III. Need local recognition that the trails system carries great importance for the state
   A. Economic development
   B. Corridor preservation
   C. Natural resource/environmental enhancement

IV. Need IDNR/INDOT regional resource contacts
   A. Local trails development
   B. Construction
   C. Maintenance knowledge

**POST-SUMMIT MAINTENANCE/OPERATIONS ACTIONS**

I. Establishment of a working statewide support network
   A. Trails development
   B. Maintenance

II. Establishment of maintenance/operations goals for local/state agencies consistent with the long-term expansion goals of both entities

III. Pursuance of legislative initiatives through the Indiana General Assembly
   A. Reduction of liability exposure for volunteer organizations that operate and maintain trails
   B. Establishment of cooperative maintenance agreements between state/local agencies to reduce “red tape” for equipment sharing
   C. Establishment of tax incentives for trails endowments
      1. Construction
      2. Operations
      3. Maintenance