





TRAILS SUMMIT RESULTS

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.

Schedule of events

9:00 **Welcome and Introduction** by Governor Mitch Daniels - Auditorium
Overview of the Trails Plan Summit by Kyle Hupfer, IDNR Director

9:30 **INDOT presentation** by Thomas Sharp, Commissioner, INDOT - Auditorium

9:45 **Regional breakout groups - mapping of potential trails and links**
The morning session is an opportunity for people from each of the regions to come together and identify potential corridors of statewide significance for future trails construction. Groups will work together to identify regional and statewide points of interest and draw broad corridors that will be important in creating interconnectivity in the region. At the end of the session the groups will work toward prioritizing these trail corridors for future construction.

Region	Room
North West	Conference Room A
North Central	Conference Room 22
North East	Conference Room 4/5
Central West	Auditorium
Central East	Conference Room C
South West	Conference Room 1/2
South East	Conference Room 20

12:15 **Boxed lunch (provided)**
Boxed lunches will be available in the Government Center Atrium following the morning GIS session. Vegetarian meals will be specifically marked if you asked for one on your RSVP. Feel free to eat in any of the rooms, except the auditorium.

1:15 **Concurrent issues session I (1:15 to 2:30) & II (2:45 to 4:00)**
These sessions are designed to be open discussions about various topics. Rooms will break into small groups for discussion and to complete a worksheet exercise. Small group discussions will be summarized for the group and recorded. The recorder in each room will organize the thoughts, strategies and achievements to share with the Governor and the Summit group at the end of the day. Please look at your name badge to identify your concurrent sessions.

Session Topic	Room
Challenges to Developing Trails	Conference Room A
Coordination	Conference Room 22
Trails and Roads	Conference Room 4/5
Funding	Conference Room C
Maintenance and Operations	Conference Room 1/2

4:15 **Debriefing of the day** with Governor Daniels - Auditorium

4:55 **Closing remarks** by Governor Daniels - Auditorium

Networking Room: Open All Day
Conference Room 18 is available to distribute and collect information from groups. Feel free to stop in throughout the day to discuss trail issues with other leaders from around the state and look through the literature that has been collected.



TRAIL SUMMIT RESULTS

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

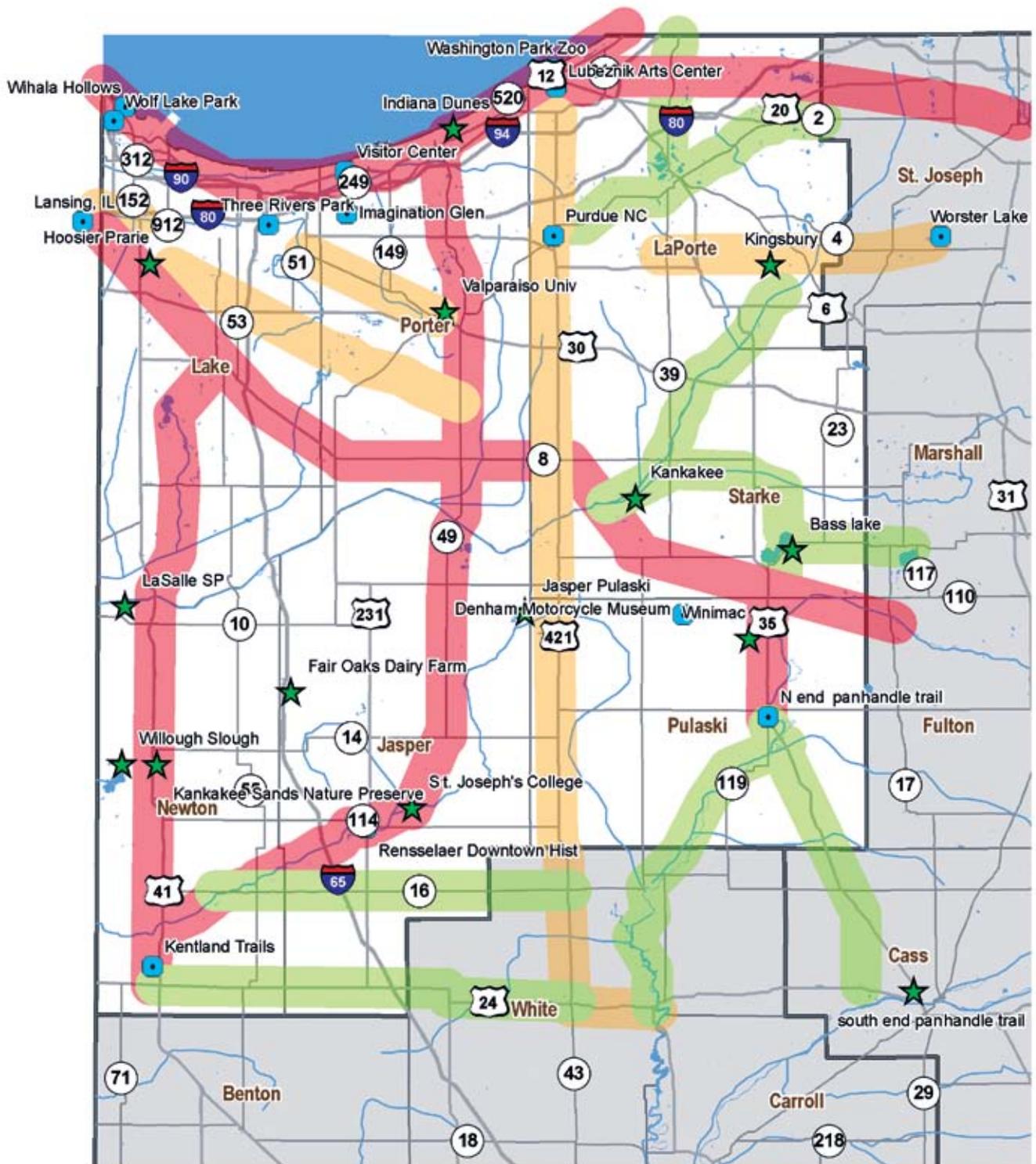
- Renesslaer downtown, historical area, county seat, developing a trail head on river (Regional)
- Fair Oaks, Dairy Farm (State)
- St. Joe College in Renesslaer (State)
- Imagination Glenn Park, bike trails, Portage (Regional)
- Portage lakefront park (Regional)
- Veterans Memorial - Munster (Regional)
- 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

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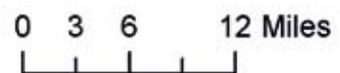


POINTS OF INTEREST

- ★ Statewide Significance
- Regional Significance
- ▲ Other

TRAIL OPPORTUNITIES

- State/Backbone
- Regional
- Other





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Wabash River
 Pottawatomie Pathway
 Old Lincoln Highway
 Indiana Toll Road

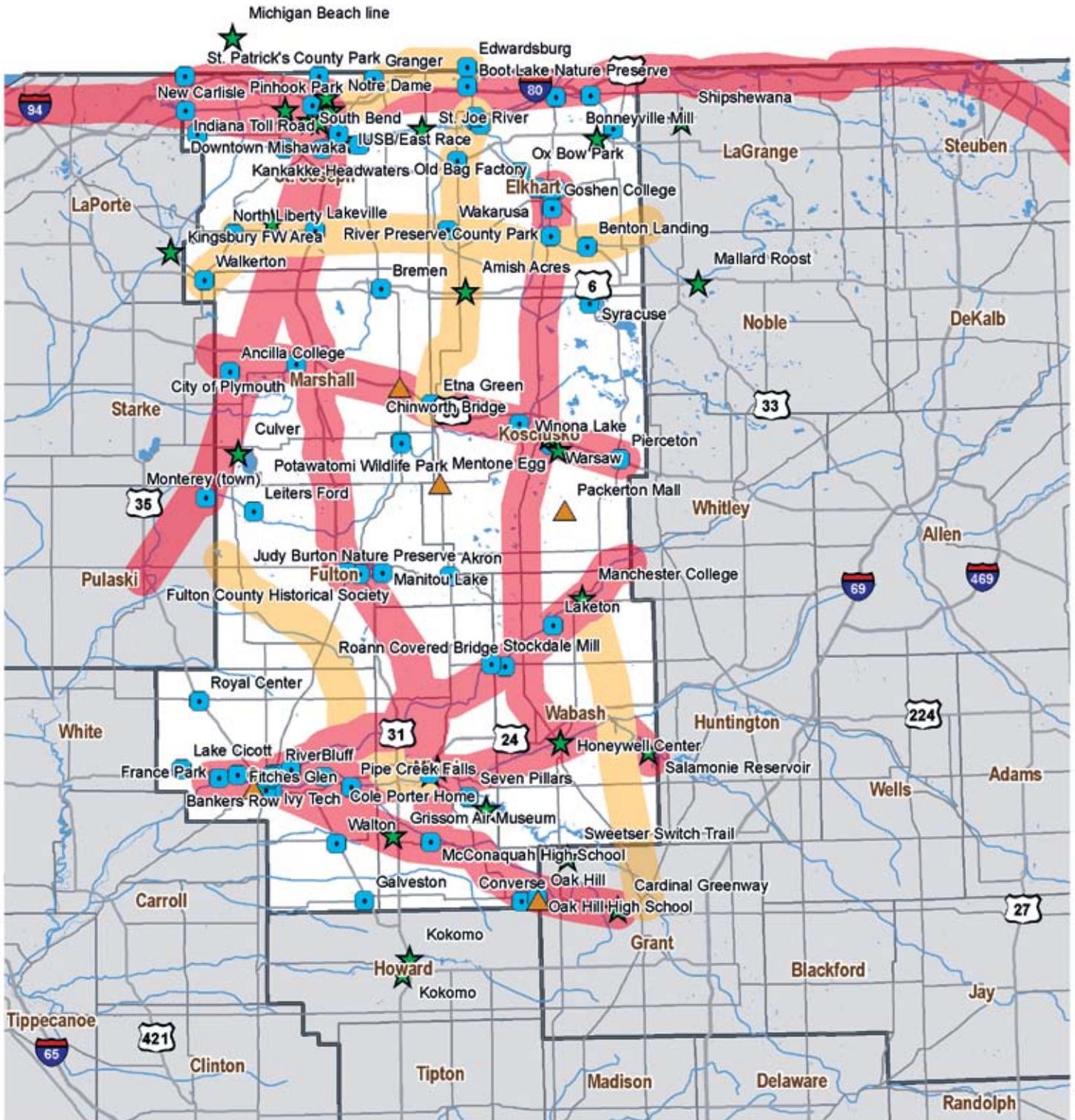
**POINTS OF INTEREST/DESTINATIONS
 (SIGNIFICANCE)**

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)
 Shippshewana - 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)



Indiana Trails Summit North Central Region Planning Session



POINTS OF INTEREST

- ★ Statewide Significance
- Regional Significance
- ▲ Other

TRAIL OPPORTUNITIES

- State/Backbone
- Regional
- Other





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- 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)

- 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)

NORTHEAST REGION

IDENTIFIED CORRIDORS (SIGNIFICANCE)

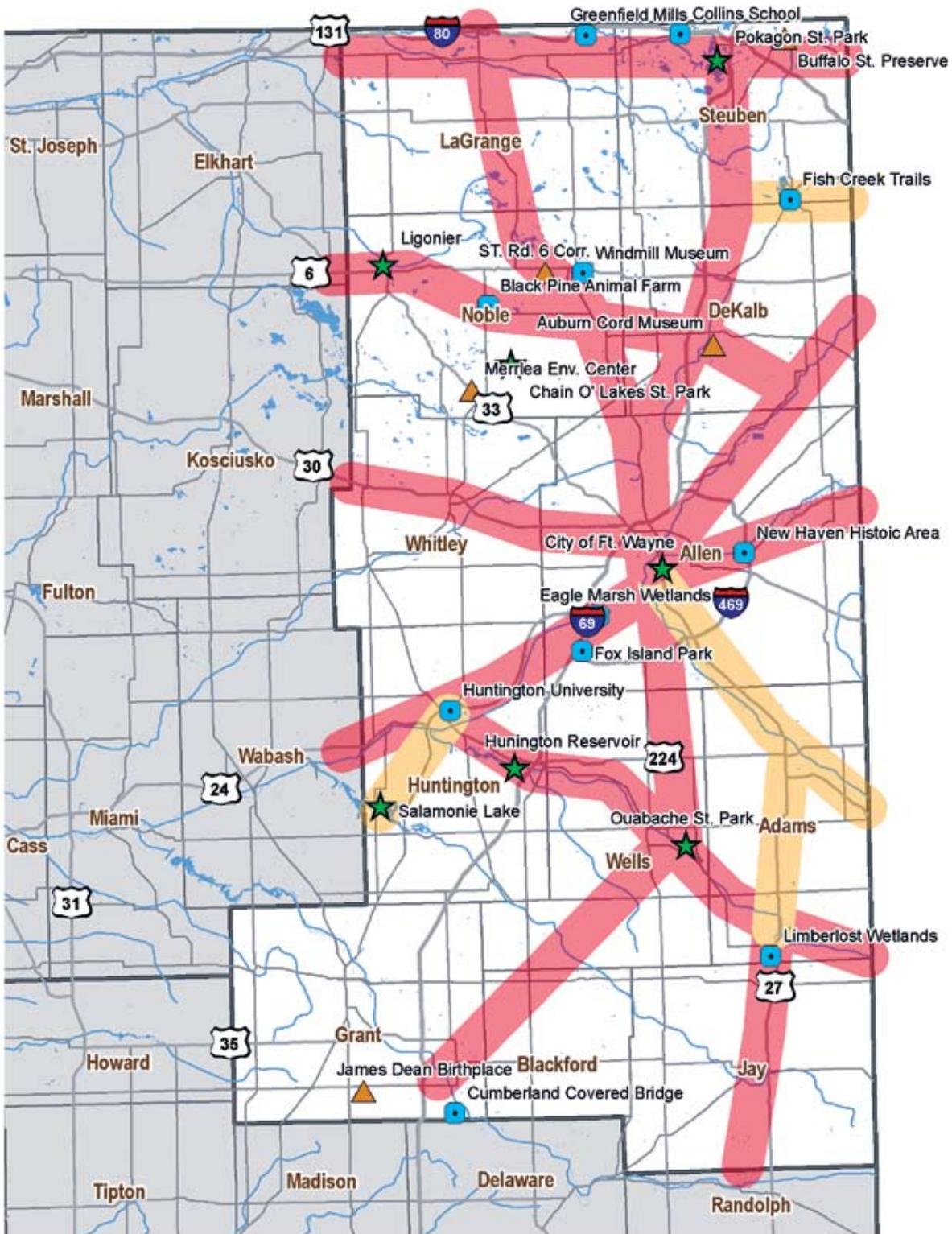
- Lincoln Highway Trail (State)
- Cannonball Trail (Regional)
- Huntington / Salamonie (Regional)
- Extension of Upstate Trail (State)
- St. Joe River Extension (State)
- Wabash River Corridor (State)
- St. Mary's River Corridor (Regional)
- State Road 120 Indiana Trail (State)
- Old Route 27
- Wawasee 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)



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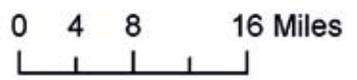


POINTS OF INTEREST

-  Statewide Significance
-  Regional Significance
-  Other

TRAIL OPPORTUNITIES

-  State/Backbone
-  Regional
-  Other





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- Grabill - 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 (bisepts 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.

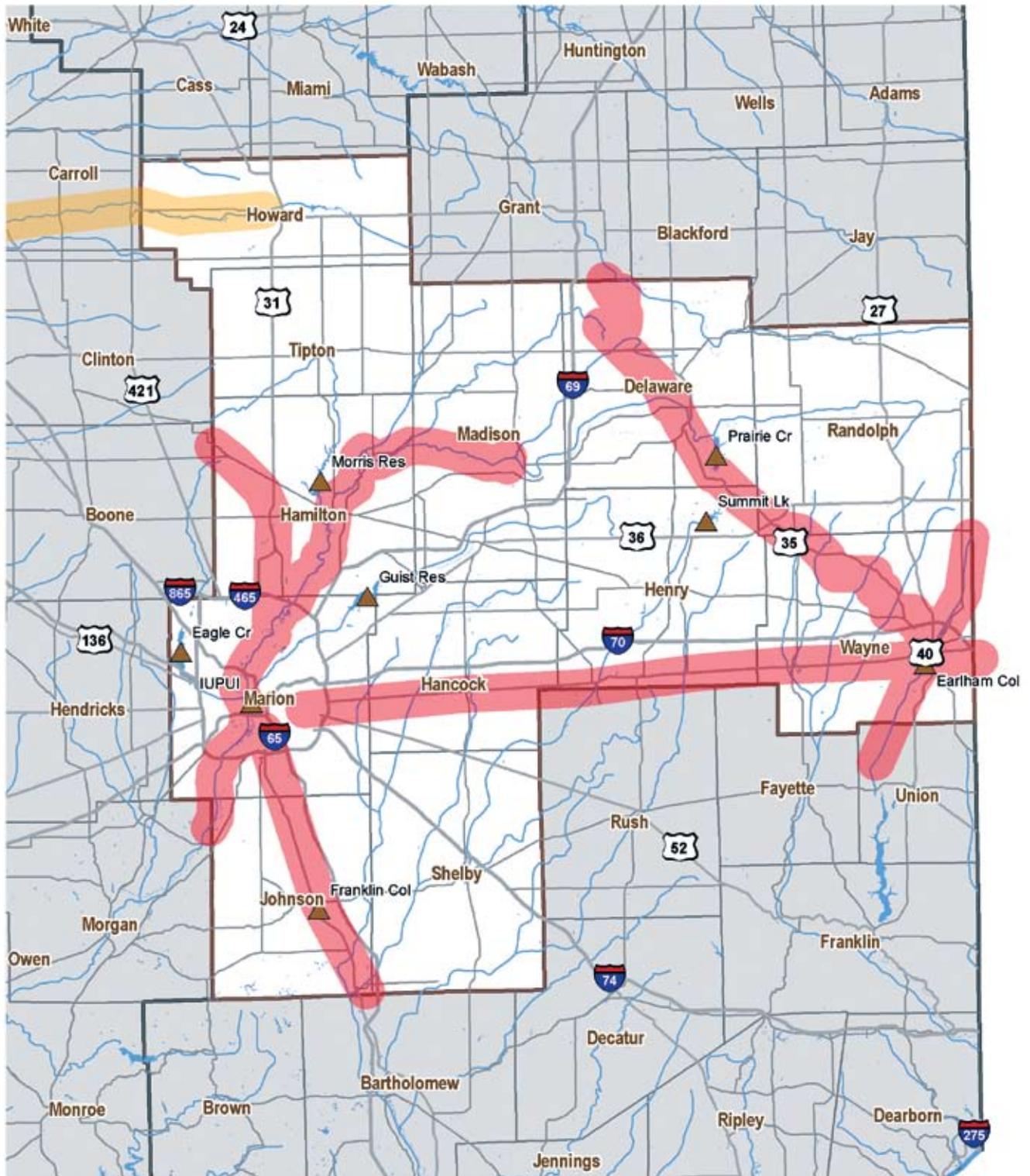
- Districts in Marion, Hamilton, and Madison Counties
- Minnetrista Center in Muncie
- Historic Homes Tours
- Lafayette Trace in Hamilton Co.
- Historic Richmond
- Connor Prairie links to White River
- Underground railroad - link to DHPA African - American Heritage Plan
- Both US 27 and US 31 have underground 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

- State/Backbone
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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.III. 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 Hendricks 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)

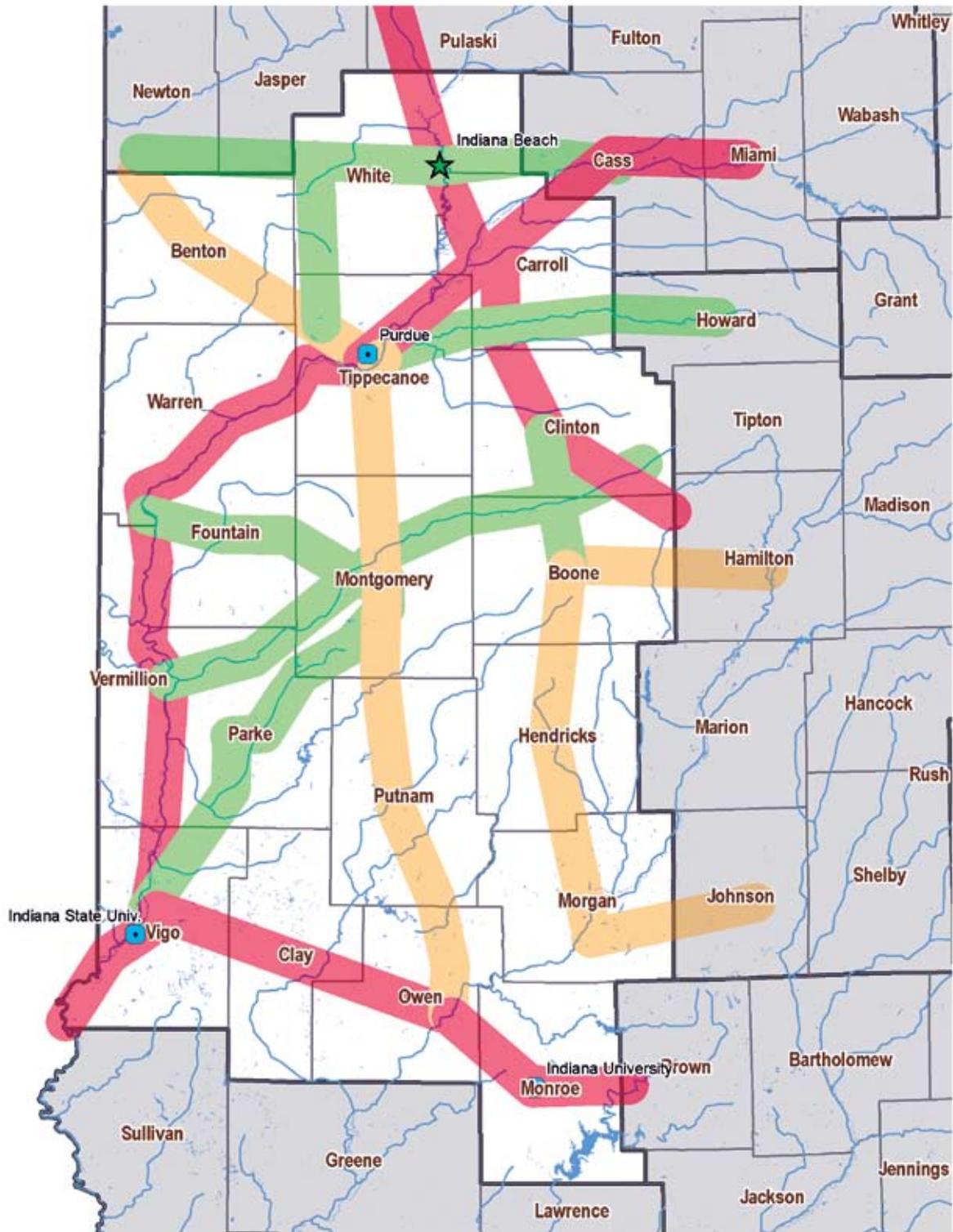
Wabash
 I-69
 Hoosier Forest
 State Road 54
 State Road 231
 State Road 64
 Ohio River
 White River

POINTS OF INTEREST

Milltown
 Blue River
 English, IN
 Perry County
 Indian Lake, Buzzard Roost, Celina Lake, Hemlock 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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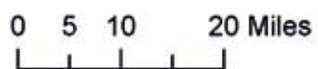


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Merom Turtle Creek Reservoir
 Sanborn and Elnora
 Sullivan
 St. Francisville Bridge
 Hutsonville
 Wabash River
 Clarks
 Levee System
 Agricultural Center
 White Oak
 Indiana Territory
 Red Skelton home
 Cypress Pond
 Mt. Carmel
 Patoka Island
 Merom 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

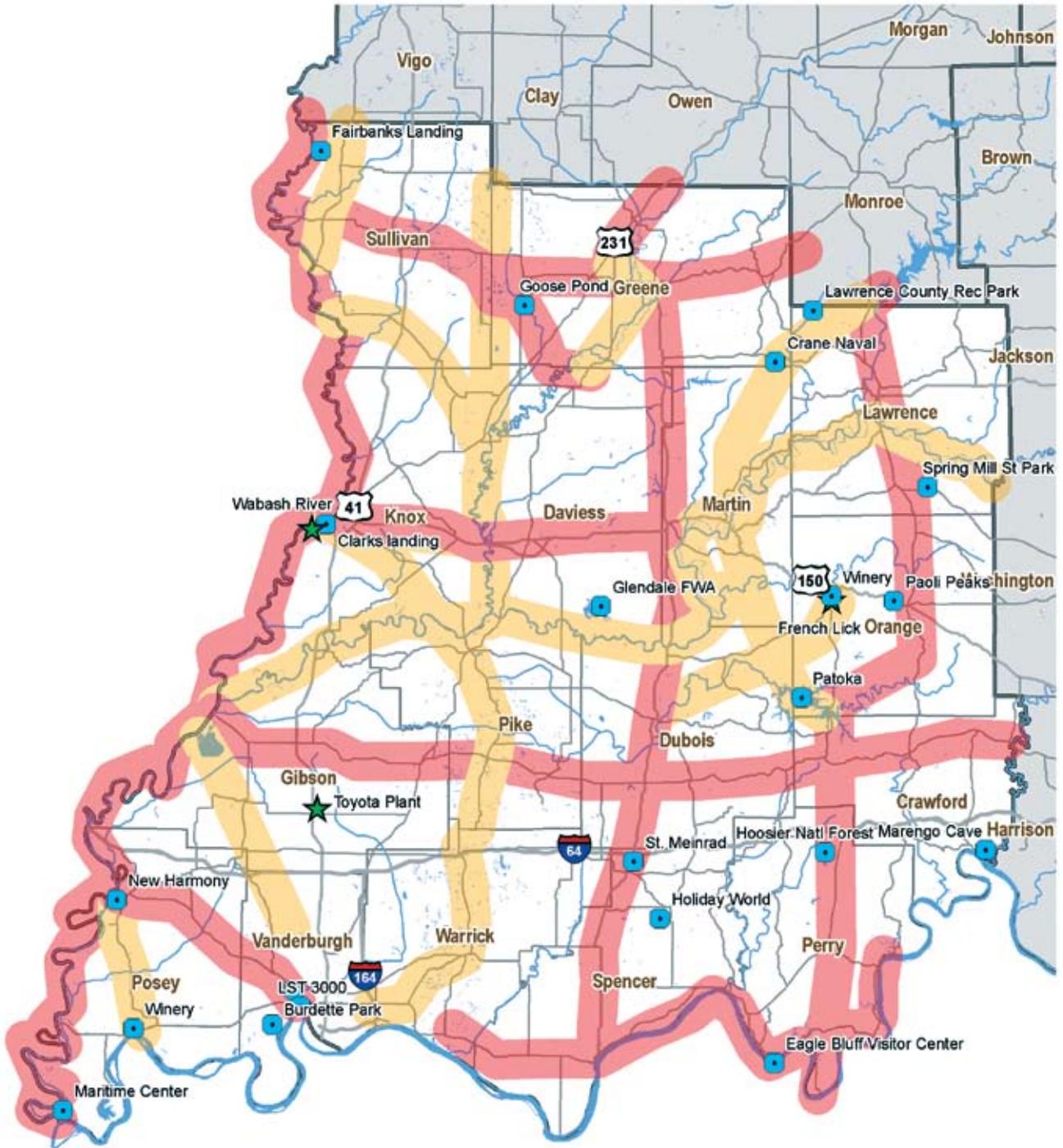
SOUTHEAST REGION

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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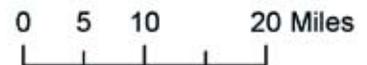


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CORRIDORS

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

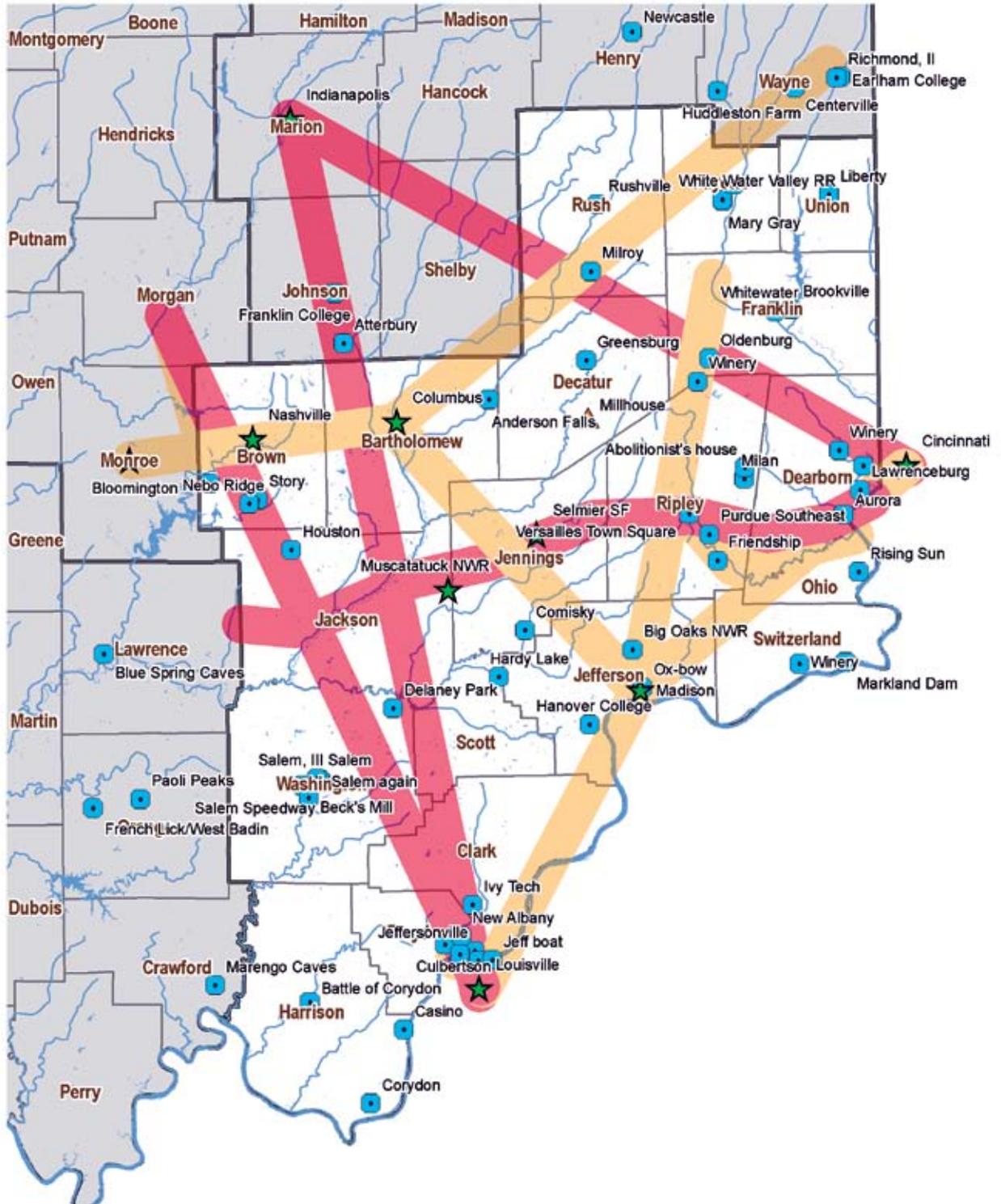
DESTINATIONS

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
 Patoka Reservoir
 Camp Atterbury
 DNR & Military
 Marengo Cave
 Colleges - tri/out of region
 (Hanover, Franklin IUS, Earlam, IU, IUPUI)



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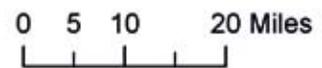


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- Blue Springs Caverns
- Williams Dam
- Lewis/Clark departure site
- Monroe Reservoir
- Loop Island Wetlands
- Shipyards (Jeffersonville)
- War Memorial – Salem Courthouse
- Battle of Corydon Park (Civil War Site)
- Monon Museum
- Oldest industrial 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.

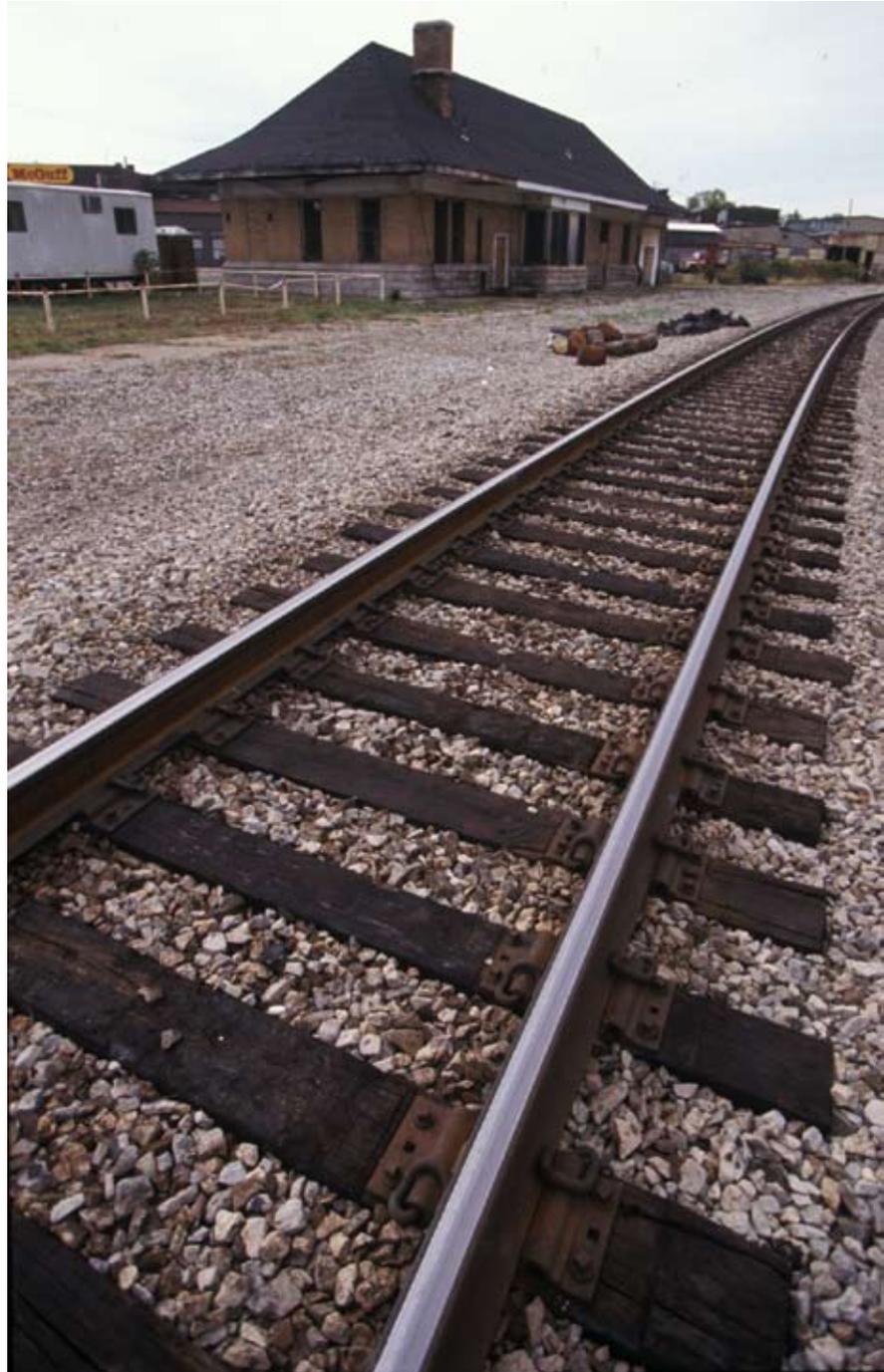
Trails Challenges and Solutions

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



TRAIL SUMMIT RESULTS

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



TRAIL SUMMIT RESULTS

- 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

IMPEDIMENTS 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





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