

**Macomb County Trailways Master Plan  
Stakeholder Meeting  
November 12, 2003**

**Meeting Summary**

**Attendees**

John Crumm	Macomb Co Planning
Tom VanDamme	Fraser (Committee Co-Chair)
Joe Silbernagel	Clinton Township
Carolyn Loh	Lenox Township
Kathleen Bolton	Ray Township
Jon Moore	City of Richmond
Troy Jeschke	City of Richmond
Kelley Osterman	City of Richmond
Liz Mancini	City of St. Clair Shores
Chris Rayes	City of St. Clair Shores
Bill Lamb	City of Utica
Daniel Smith	City of Warren
Richard Doherty	City of Warren
Jim Kropp	HCMA
Eric Douglas	Clinton River Pathway
Janet Jawor	Clinton River Pathway
Bob Hoepfmer	Road Commission Macomb County
Susan Stefanski	SEMCOG
Matt Kowalczyk	Michigan Mountain Biking Association
Lyle Winn	AEW
Dan Keifer	Clinton River Watershed Council/Friends of the Clinton River Trail
Leah Hutko	Wade-Trim

Tom VanDamme, Committee Co-Chair opened the meeting and had everyone give a brief introduction. He then asked Leah Hutko, Wade-Trim(WT) to proceed with the agenda items. The desired outcomes for the meeting were reviewed and included: broaden awareness of the project, gain general consensus of the maps and route locations, identify locations for the public forums and understand the next steps in the process.

**Review Updated Maps**

Leah gave a brief review of the master plan maps and indicated a couple of the updates that have occurred since the last stakeholder meeting in October. The County is looking to gain a general comfort level and consensus with the maps prior to the public hearings. Participants were asked to indicate any updates on the maps after the meeting and in the coming weeks prior to the forums. The maps presented today will be posted on the project website in the coming days.

**Special Interest Meetings**

Leah indicated that over the past two or three months the County has been meeting with individual communities, agencies and/or special interest groups to review the project and clarify proposed non-motorized routes.

Meetings held to date included:

- o Macomb Township
- o Mt. Clemens
- o Utica
- o Clinton River Pathway
- o St. Clair Shores

**Meetings Scheduled or Planned:**

- Macomb County Road Commission (11/13/03)
- MDOT (11/13/03)
- Bruce Township (11/13/03)
- Inter County Drain Board
- Oakland County

Participants were asked if there were any additional stakeholders/agencies that need to be contacted prior to the public forums.

- Dan Keifer from the Clinton River Watershed Council suggested that Marge Getlieb from the Oakland County Trails Advisory Council be included in the meeting with Oakland County. The Advisory Council meets on a monthly basis.
- It was also suggested to get some form of written commitment or policy statement in regard to non-motorized trails from ITC and the Drain Board.
- Suggested that a meeting with Consumers Energy may be necessary. First, we will determine if any Consumers Energy properties are currently proposed as a non-motorized route and then determine the need for a meeting.
- It was indicated by a meeting attendee that historically (about 10 years ago) there was public opposition to a trail along the Red Run Drain.
- SEMCOG encouraged a tie in to Phase II requirements when discussing non-motorized trails, particularly within riparian corridors.
- Warren indicated a need to begin to develop a constituency base of support including the UAW, Archdiocese, Boy/Girl Scouts, Athletic Organizations, Biking Clubs, Sheriffs Office, Seniors, etc.

**Public Forums**

Detailed agendas for the three planned public forums have not yet been developed, however, it's anticipated that they will include an overview presentation of the project, an educational component about trails and then an interactive process to gather public comments regarding the draft plan.

Possible dates for the public forums include February 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> in the evening. Potential locations include Camp Rotary at Wolcott Mill, the Warren Community Center and the Macomb-Clinton Library. Warren indicated they have audio-visual equipment available and possibly could have the forum filmed by Comcast. Participants indicated that Wednesday evenings seemed to work best for public meetings. Content/format for the forums may be slightly altered based on the location due to relevant issues, concerns, etc.

It was also indicated that a flyer for the public forums will be distributed to the local entities to post around their community. A summary of the project will also be distributed that can be included in local newsletters, bulletins, etc.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, January 14, 2004 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Freedom Hill County Park. Primary agenda items will be to review a draft outline of the master plan and review the content and format for the public forums.