

# Macomb Orchard Trail - Phase II and III Design



## Communication Brief #1

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*Communication Briefs will be developed and distributed throughout the project period in an effort to increase awareness of the project happenings, issues, schedule, and meetings. It's anticipated that Communication Briefs will be developed approximately every six to eight weeks.*



The Macomb County Planning & Economic Development Department has officially begun the design process for Phases II and III of the Macomb Orchard Trail. Phases II and III include the remainder (approximately 17 miles) of the Macomb Orchard Trail from 29 Mile Road (end of Phase I) east to the City of Richmond. The scope of work for this project includes trail design, the conversion of 7 former railroad bridges for use on the trail, the design of 16 County Road crossings; and construction administration. The County has contracted with Wade Trim, a professional consulting firm, to provide design, engineering, and construction assistance.



The Planning & Economic Development Department has scheduled a kick-off meeting on September 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. at Freedom Hill County Park to introduce the project team and discuss various design issues and concerns with the Road Commission, Drain Office, HCMA, Parks and Recreation, Friends of the Macomb Orchard Trail and the Macomb Orchard Trail Commission. Involvement by the various stakeholders early and often in the process is an essential element for success. Preliminary design is slated for completion this fall with an estimated bid letting in June 2006.



A progress update for the M-53 Bridge crossing; the County has been working closely with MDOT to discuss the need for the non-motorized crossing over the 4-lane highway in the Village of Romeo, just north of 32 Mile Road. A Transportation Enhancement Application will be submitted to MDOT this month requesting nearly \$1 million in funding assistance. The County is working toward having the M-53 bridge crossing begin construction in 2006 and completed in 2007.



For more information regarding the design and construction of Phase II and III, please contact John Crumm at the Macomb County Planning & Economic Development Department at 586.469.5285 or [John.Crumm@macombcountymi.gov](mailto:John.Crumm@macombcountymi.gov). A project website for the design of Phases II and III will be developed this month to provide easy access to project information, schedules, meeting summaries, design plans, etc.

Stay Tuned!!



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