

Springfield Area Multi-Use Trails: Trailheads, Access Points, and Amenities Plan



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INTRODUCTION

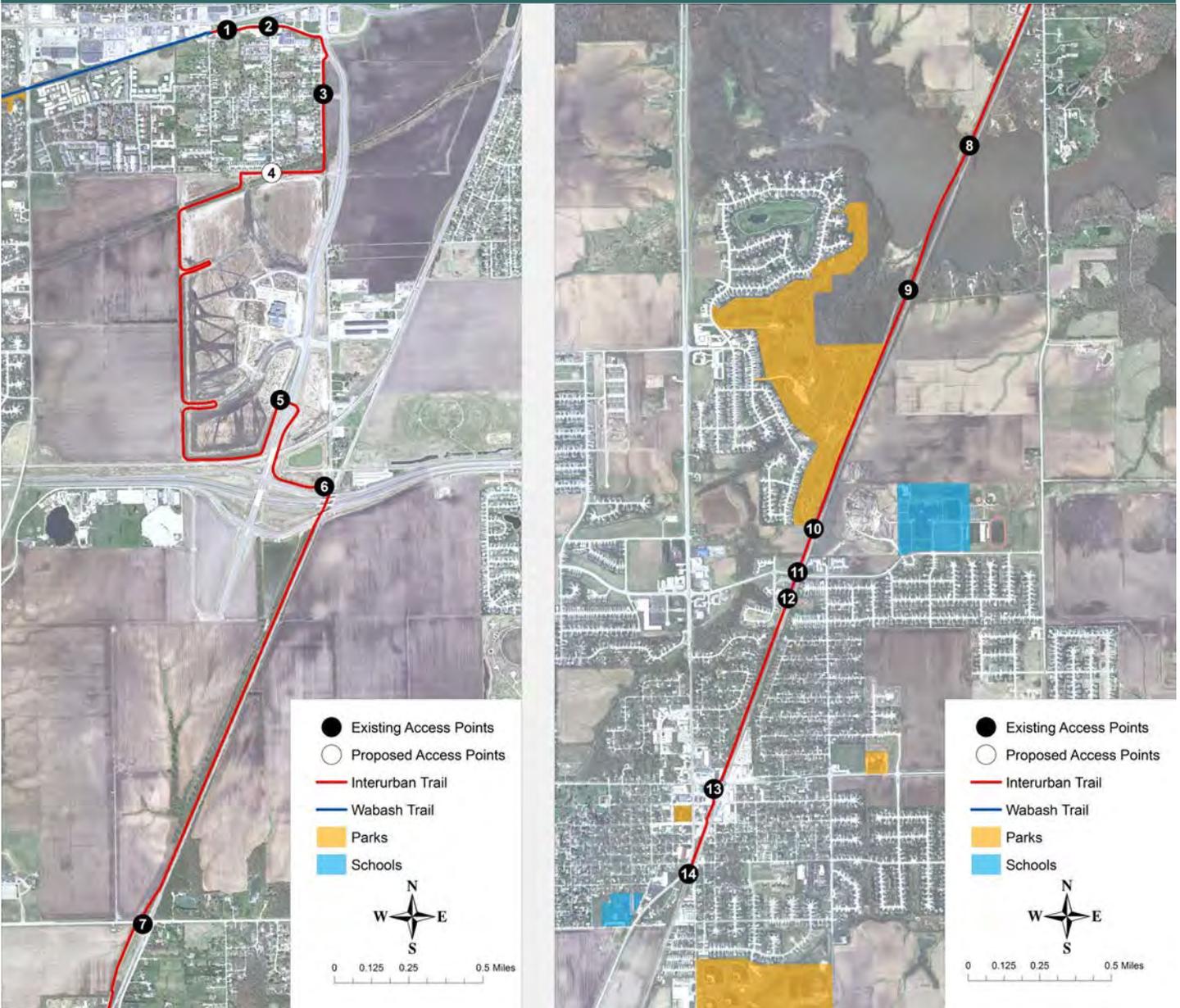
The *Trailheads, Access Points, and Amenities Plan* was prepared by the Springfield Area Transportation Study (SATS) Multi-Use Trails Jurisdictions Committee in 2016 to identify potential new access points and amenities along Sangamon County multi-use trails. The plan identifies existing access points and amenities and suggests where improvements might be helpful.

When each trail was initially developed a limited number of access points were built. Over time trail users have worn paths in places providing a clear sign of desired points of access.

The proposed access points are based on observed usage and are associated with allowing access from/to residential, commercial, and recreational areas. As noted in the title, this is only a plan and like all plans is not guaranteed to be fully implemented. It does provide a place to start exploring possibilities to help us move forward in meeting the needs of our trail users.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Many of the potential access points are on private property and although this does present some obvious barriers to development, there have also been some private property owners who have already cooperated in the creation of trail connectors. So the committee did not want to rule out the possibility that property could become available in the future even if currently privately held. Conversely, the committee also respects the rights of property owners and the plan is in no way intended to indicate that a trail connector must be built or that the public should be using unofficial access points over private property. Official access points are shown as *existing* in this plan. Additionally, parking is not available at all access points and trail users are encouraged to note in the plan the location of trail parking lots if they intend on driving to a trail.

Interurban Trail



The Interurban trail links Springfield and Chatham with a distance of 8.3 miles. The northern trailhead of the Interurban trail connects to the Wabash Trail. Now nonexistent, the Illinois Terminal Railroad had an interurban electric railroad that traveled between Peoria, Danville and St. Louis with Springfield as its node. Part of this railroad corridor is now converted into a non-motorized multiuse trail, the Interurban trail. The Interurban Trail is part of the initiative to make a non-motorized trail along Route 66 from Chicago to St. Louis. A wide sidewalk path connects the Interurban Trail to the Wabash Trail.

Trailhead 1

**JUNCTION
CIRCLE
TRAILHEAD
(EXISTING)**

Area Served:

- Pierek Place Neighborhood
- West Grand Place Neighborhood
- Jerome
- General Springfield Area

Existing Amenities:

- Parking Lot
- Bike Repair Station
- Restaurant
- Picnic Tables
- Trash Can
- Trailhead Sign
- Trail Etiquette Sign

Proposed Amenities:

- Multi-Use Trails Map



Location

North side of Junction Circle, West of South Park Avenue.

Existing Access

Access is from a parking lot off of North Street.

Existing Signage:



Existing Amenities:



Interurban Trail

Access 2

DOUGLAS AVE (EXISTING)



Area Served:

- Pierrek Place Neighborhood

Existing Amenities:

- Heritage Church Directional Sign

Proposed Amenities:

- Interurban & Wabash Trail Directional Signage

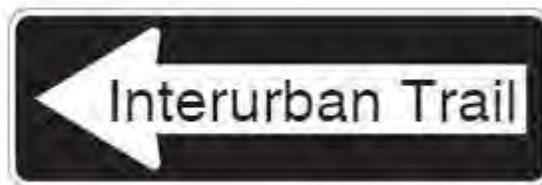
Location

East of the Trailhead and west of MacArthur Boulevard.

Existing Access

Access is directly from Centre Street.

Proposed Signage Examples:



Interurban Trail

Access 3

CENTRE STREET (EXISTING)

Area Served:

- Pierrek Place Neighborhood
- Lost Bridge Trail Connection

Existing Amenities:

- Rt. 66 Trail Sign

Proposed Amenities:

- Interurban Trail Sign
- Sponsored Signage
- Multi-Use Trail Map



Location

West of MacArthur Boulevard at the east end of Junction Circle.

Existing Access

Access is directly from Centre Street.

Existing Signage:



Proposed Signage Example:



Sponsored Signage Example:



Interurban Trail

Access 4

DOUGLAS AVENUE EXTENSION (PROPOSED)

Area Served:

- Pierek Place Neighborhood
- Legacy Pointe
- Salmon Park Mobile Home Park
- Cedar Pointe Apartments

Existing Amenities:

None

Proposed Amenities:

- Trail Access Point



Location

On the north side of the trail after it turns west at the point where Douglas Avenue would intersect if it were extended south. Additional paths to the west (A) and east (B) of this point have been worn by trail users. The point to the east accesses MacArthur Boulevard and the Pierek Place Neighborhood. The worn path to the west extends to the Cedar Pointe Apartment Complex (approx. 1500 housing units) about 400 yards away.

Proposed Access

A dirt path has been created by users of the trails from the road to the trail. A sidewalk or asphalt pavement with bollards is proposed. The alternative is to postpone improvements until a connector road is made such that Douglas Avenue extends to the proposed extension of Westchester Boulevard.

Property Owner: BSS LLC and City of Springfield



Access to Cedar Pointe Apartments



Access to Douglas Ave. Extension

Interurban Trail

Access 5

MACARTHUR BOULEVARD (EXISTING)

Area Served:

- Legacy Pointe

Existing Amenities:

None

Proposed Amenities:

- Sponsored Signage



Location

On the west side of MacArthur Boulevard north of the Interurban Trail Tunnel

Existing Access

A sidewalk on the west side of MacArthur Boulevard.

Sponsored Signage Example:



Interurban Trail

Access 6

HAZEL DELL ROAD (EXISTING)

Area Served:

- General Springfield Area

Existing Amenities:

- Parking Lot
- Toilet
- Garbage Can
- Directional Signage
- Route 66 Trail Sign

Proposed Amenities:

None



Location

At the western end of Hazel Dell Road northeast of the Interstate 72 and MacArthur Boulevard interchange.

Existing Access

Parking Lot south of Hazel Dell Road.

Existing Signage:



Interurban Trail

Access 7

WOODSIDE ROAD (EXISTING)

Area Served:

- Woodside Road
- General Springfield Area

Existing Amenities:

- Bike Repair Station
- Parking
- Signage
- Garbage Can
- Bench
- Route 66 Trail Sign

Proposed Amenities:

- Directional & Mileage Signs to Springfield & Chatham



Location

West of Iron Bridge Road/Union Pacific Rail Line.

Existing Access

The trail intersects with Woodside Road just west of the railroad tracks on the north and south sides of the road. The trail again becomes off-road along Pedigo Lane for about 1/4 mile south. A crushed limestone parking lot is located east off of Pedigo Lane and is sponsored by Pedigo Companies.

Existing Amenities:



Access 8

**LICK CREEK
PRESERVE MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL
(EXISTING)**

Area Served:

- Lick Creek Mountain Bike Trail

Existing Amenities:

- Lick Creek Trail map and bulletin board.

Proposed Amenities:

- Updated Trail Map



Location

Approximately .9 miles south of Woodside Road on the north edge of Lake Springfield.

Existing Access

The Lick Creek hiking and mountain biking trail can be accessed from the Interurban Trail at this point. The trail has a dirt path that follows a 4.5 mile loop which returns to the Interurban Trail. An additional access to the Lick Creek Trail exists at the end of Old Chatham Road, south of Woodside Road.

Access 9

**POLECAT CREEK
MOUNTAIN BIKE
TRAIL
(EXISTING)**

Area Served:

- Polecat Creek Mountain Bike Trail

Existing Amenities:

- Polecat Creek Trail map and bulletin board.

Proposed Amenities:

- Updated Trail Map



Location

Approximately 1 mile north of East Plummer Boulevard, south of the edge of Lake Springfield.

Existing Access

The Polecat Creek hiking and mountain biking trail can be accessed from the Interurban Trail at this point. The trail has a dirt path that follows a 1.4 mile loop which returns to the Interurban Trail.

Interurban Trail

Access 10

PIPER GLEN (EXISTING)

Area Served:

- Piper Glen Subdivision

Existing Amenities:

- Paved Trail Access

Proposed Amenities:

- Trail Map
- Distance Signs



Location

The trail runs parallel to the south edge of Piper Glen golf course. The access point to the trail is approximately 500 feet from the end of Wentworth Drive.

Existing Access

A 10' wide path connects Wentworth Drive to the Interurban Trail. The trail access on Wentworth Drive has a sign dedicating the access to a late member of the Piper Glen homeowners association. Both ends of the access have bollards limiting access to bike and pedestrian traffic.

A path had been worn between the trail and the south end of the Piper Glen subdivision, connecting to stub end of Wentworth Drive. The Piper Glen Neighborhood Association purchased land to the south of their subdivision and built a path connecting to the Interurban Trail. The path opened in June 2016.

Before & After the Trail Extension:



Access II

PLUMMER BOULEVARD (EXISTING)

Area Served:

- Oak Brook Estates Apartments
- Glenwood High School
- Glenwood Elementary School

Existing Amenities:

None

Proposed Amenities:

- Directional Signage



Location

West of the Trail, north of Plummer Boulevard.

Existing Access

Plummer Boulevard travels under the Interurban Trail and the Union Pacific rail corridor as an underpass; the trail and the rail line cross Plummer Boulevard without any grade elevation. The Interurban Trail connects to Plummer Boulevard by a path on the west side of the trail on the northern side of the road via a corrugated steel pipe tunnel that underpasses in the same manner as Plummer Boulevard. Drainage grates are located in the middle of the tunnel to collect incoming storm water. This segregation of motorized and non-motorized traffic along the underpass provides safety for both motorized and non-motorized travelers.

Access 12

**RAVINIA DRIVE
(EXISTING)**



Location

South of Plummer Boulevard on the west side of the Trail.

Existing Access

A sidewalk connects the trail to Ravinia Drive.

Area Served:

- Oakbrook Estates

**Existing
Amenities:**

- Bench

**Proposed
Amenities:**

None

Access 13

**WALNUT STREET
(EXISTING)**

Area Served:

- General Chatham Area

Existing Amenities:

- Picnic Tables
- Trail Map
- Parking
- Garbage Can
- Signage

Proposed Amenities:

- Striped crosswalk across Walnut Street connecting parking and the trail
- Sponsored Signage
- Covered pavilion
- Water fountain
- Picnic tables



Location

North and south sides of the trail intersection of East Walnut Street in Chatham

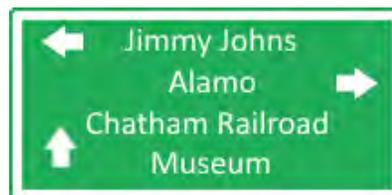
Existing Access

Sidewalks continue to downtown Chatham. Parking lot is on the south side of the street. Striping a crosswalk across Walnut Street could make the crossing between the lot and trail access safer.

Parking Area:



Sponsored Signage Example:



Trailhead 14

**MAIN STREET
TRAILHEAD
(EXISTING)**



Location

Between South Main Street and the UP rail line, at Spruce Street. A bike lane on State Street and a path between Chestnut and Spruce connects the trail to South Main Street. (Chatham Community Park is located further south on Main Street.)

Existing Access

The trail can be accessed from South Main Street to the west and Spruce Street to the east.

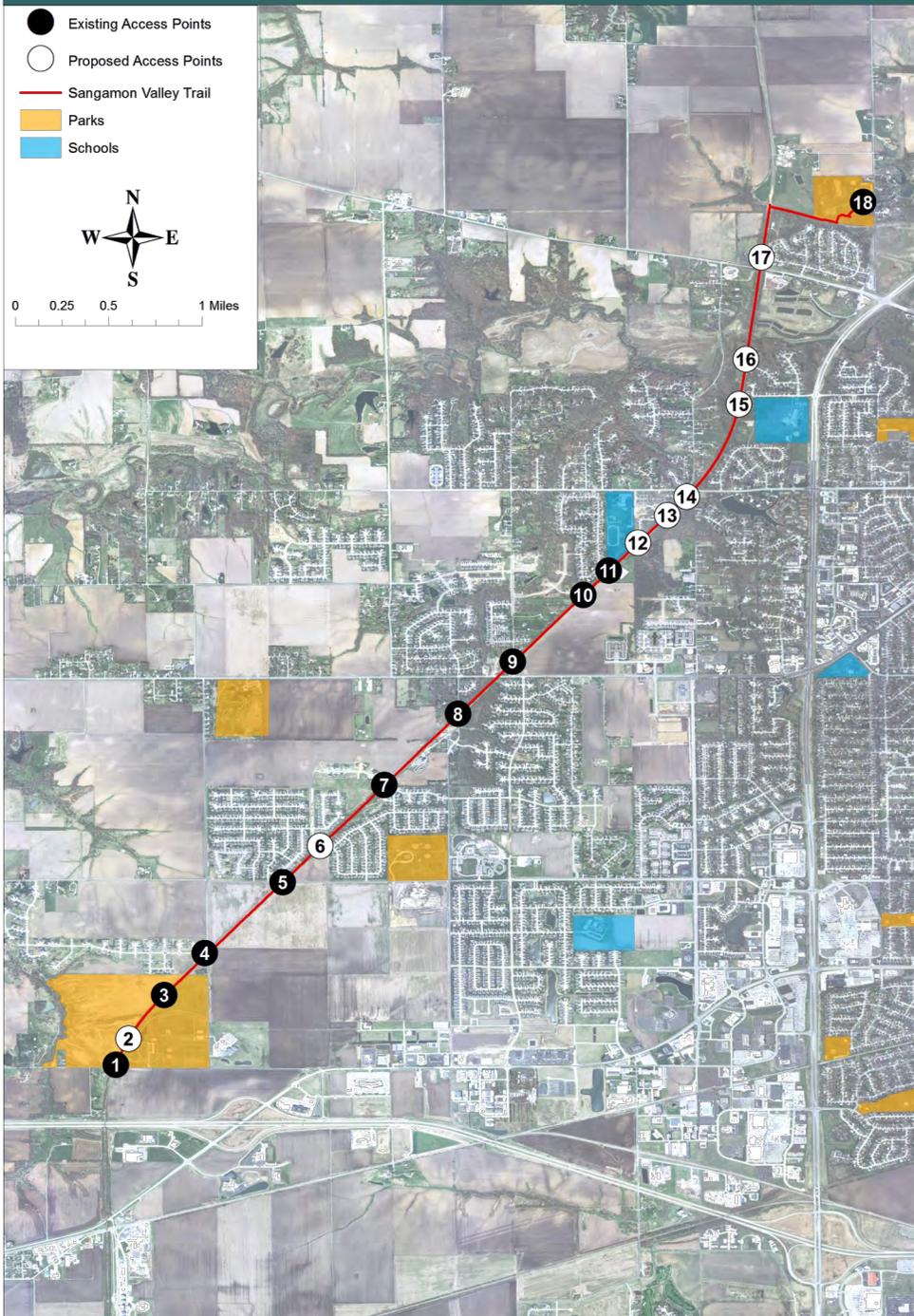
**Existing
Amenities:**

- Picnic Tables
- Garbage Can
- Benches

**Proposed
Amenities:**

- Multi-Use Trails Map
- Trail Etiquette Sign

Sangamon Valley Trail



The Sangamon Valley Trail or SVT is a “Rails to Trails” multi-use trail. It was created on an abandoned railroad line formerly owned by the Gulf, Mobile, and Ohio Railroad before its merger with the Illinois Central. The trail currently extends from Stuart Park south to Centennial Park with a length of approximately 6 miles. The SVT connects with a wide array of subdivisions along the west side of Springfield. These subdivisions include:

- Centennial Park Place
- Cider Mill
- Deerfield
- Oak Park
- Harrison Park
- Hawthorne Place
- Mill Creek Estates
- Old Bradfordton Place
- Western Knolls
- Youngston Hills

Sangamon Valley Trail

Trailhead 1

BUNKER HILL ROAD TRAILHEAD (EXISTING)

Area Served:

- Bunker Hill Road
- West Wabash Avenue
- General Springfield Area

Existing Amenities:

- Parking
- Benches
- Portable Toilet
- Trash Can
- Bike Rack
- Trail Map

Proposed Amenities:

- Lighting
- Multi-Use Trails Map
- Trail Etiquette Sign



Location

On the south edge of Centennial Park, west of the trail and north of Bunker Hill Road.

Existing Amenities:



Sangamon Valley Trail

Access 2

CENTENNIAL PARK (PROPOSED)

Area Served:

- Centennial Park

Existing Amenities:

None

Proposed Amenities:

- Paved Trail
- Directional Sign to Centennial Park



Location

The west edge of Centennial Park, approximately 150 yards north from the trail-head.

Proposed Access

A dirt path has been worn linking the trail to Centennial Park. An existing paved trail in the park is within 150 feet of the point. A paved connection between the trails would allow easier access between the trail and the playground and athletic fields.

Property Owner : City of Springfield

Sangamon Valley Trail

Access 3

CENTENNIAL PARK (EXISTING)

Area Served:

- Centennial Park
- Centennial Park Place

Existing Amenities:

- Park Access
- Parking Lot
- Trash Can

Proposed Amenities:

- Lighting



Location

The connection between the east and west sides of Centennial Park. The connection is approximately 800 yards north of the trail head.



Sangamon Valley Trail

Access 4

HEDLEY ROAD (EXISTING)

Area Served:

- Centennial Park Place

Existing Amenities:

- Signage
- Bollards

Proposed Amenities:

None



Location

Access it at the intersection of Lenhart Road and Hedley Road, at the entrance to Centennial Park Place. Sidewalks connect the subdivision to the trail.

Existing Signage:



Sangamon Valley Trail

Access 5

WEST ILES AVENUE (EXISTING)

Area Served:

- Deerfield Estates
- Kerasotes YMCA
- Rotary Park

Existing Amenities:

- Signage
- Bollards

Proposed Amenities:

- Sidewalk Connection east and west along Iles Avenue



Location

Access from West Iles Avenue, East of Harrier Road.

Proposed Amenities

Sidewalks along Harrier Road could be extended and sidewalks along Iles Avenue could be added to connect the trail to the sidewalk network in the Deerfield Estates Subdivision. The extension would be approximately 350 feet. Extension of sidewalks east to the YMCA and Rotary Park would create a recreational connection.

Existing Signage:



Sangamon Valley Trail

Access 6

BRADFORDTON ROAD (PROPOSED)

Area Served:

- Deefield Estates
- Oak Park Estates

Existing Amenities:

None

Proposed Amenities:

- Paved connection from sidewalks along Bradfordton Road
- Paved connection from Barrington Road



Location

Between the end of a stub streets from Bradfordton Road and Barrington Drive. Between the Oak Park and Deefield subdivision.

Proposed Amenities

Sidewalks along Bradfordton Road and Barrington Drive could be extended and sidewalks connect the trail to the sidewalk networks in the Deefield Estates and Oak Park Subdivisions. There are currently worn paths between the trail and sidewalks. The extension from Barrington Drive would be approximately 170 feet. The extension from Bradfordton Road would be approximately 65 feet. Because of the unknown timeline for the Bradfordton Road extension, extending a connection to the trails with crushed blacktop or a similar pavement could allow for a connection to the trail that may be cost effective and easy to remove and replace when the road is extended and a permanent connection is put in.

Property Owner: City of Springfield



Connection to Oak Park Estates

Sangamon Valley Trail

Access 7

GREENBRIAR DRIVE (EXISTING)

Area Served:

- Oak Park Estates
- Woodstock Subdivision

Existing Amenities:

- Signage
- Bollards

Proposed Amenities:

None



Location

Access from Greenbriar Road and the Oak Park sidewalk network.

Existing Signage:



Sangamon Valley Trail

Access 8

ARCHER ELEVATOR ROAD (EXISTING)

Area Served:

- Mill Creek Subdivision

Existing Amenities:

- Signage
- Bollards
- Warning Lights
- Bench

Proposed Amenities:

None



Location

Access from Archer Elevator Road, South of Old Jacksonville Road.

Existing Amenities:



Sangamon Valley Trail

Access 9

MEADOWBROOK ROAD (EXISTING)

Area Served:

- Olde Bradfordton Place
- Westbrook Subdivision
- Mill Creek Estates

Existing Amenities:

- Signage
- Bollards

Proposed Amenities:

None



Location

Access from Meadowbrook Road, north of Old Jacksonville Road.



Sangamon Valley Trail

Access 10

CALLA LILY LANE (EXISTING)

Area Served:

- Harrison Park Neighborhood
- Buckley Ridge Estates

Existing Amenities:

None

Proposed Amenities:

- Signage



Location

Access from a cul-de-sac at the end of Calla Lily Lane.

Proposed Signage Example:



Access II

**OLD TIPPECANOE DRIVE
(EXISTING)**

Area Served:

- Harrison Park Neighborhood

Existing Amenities:

None

Proposed Amenities:

- Replace Gate with Bollards



Location

Access is through a utility access road on the south end of Old Tippecanoe Drive.

Proposed Improvement

Blacktop has been added to the edge of the drive around the security gate for the power substation. Replacing the gate with collapsible bollards would allow trail access using the existing pavement and prevent unauthorized vehicles from entering.

Property Owners: City of Springfield

Access 12

**LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL
(PROPOSED)**

Area Served:

- Lutheran High School

Existing Amenities:

None

Proposed Amenities:

- Paved trail entrance



Location

Adjacent to Lutheran High School, approximately 700 yards south of the trail intersection with West Washington Street.

Proposed Improvement

A dirt trail has been worn connecting the trail to the High School. A paved access to the school is suggested for this point.

Property Owner: Lutheran High School

Sangamon Valley Trail

Access 13

LEWIS MEMORIAL ACRES (PROPOSED)

Area Served:

- Lewis Memorial Acres

Existing Amenities:

None

Proposed Amenities:

- Delineated trail entrance
- Signage



Location

Adjacent on the west of Lewis Memorial Acres, southwest of the trail intersection with West Washington Street.

Proposed Improvement

A dirt trail has been worn connecting Lewis Memorial Acres, and a 2 mile mountain biking and hiking trail to the Sangamon Valley Trail. Signs directing riders to the trail and a delineated trail entrance are suggested for this point.

Property Owner: Irene Lewis Trust

Sangamon Valley Trail

Access 14

LEWIS MEMORIAL CHRISTIAN VILLAGE (PROPOSED)

Area Served:

- Lewis Memorial Christian Village

Existing Amenities:

None

Proposed Amenities:

- Paved trail entrance
- Signage



Location

Adjacent to the Lewis Memorial Christian Village senior living center , southwest of the trail intersection with West Washington Street.

Proposed Improvement

A dirt trail has been worn connecting the trail to Lewis Memorial Christian Village. A paved access to the living facility is proposed for this point.

Property Owner: Lewis Memorial Christian Village

Sponsored Signage Example:



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Access 15

WEST SIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (PROPOSED)

Area Served:

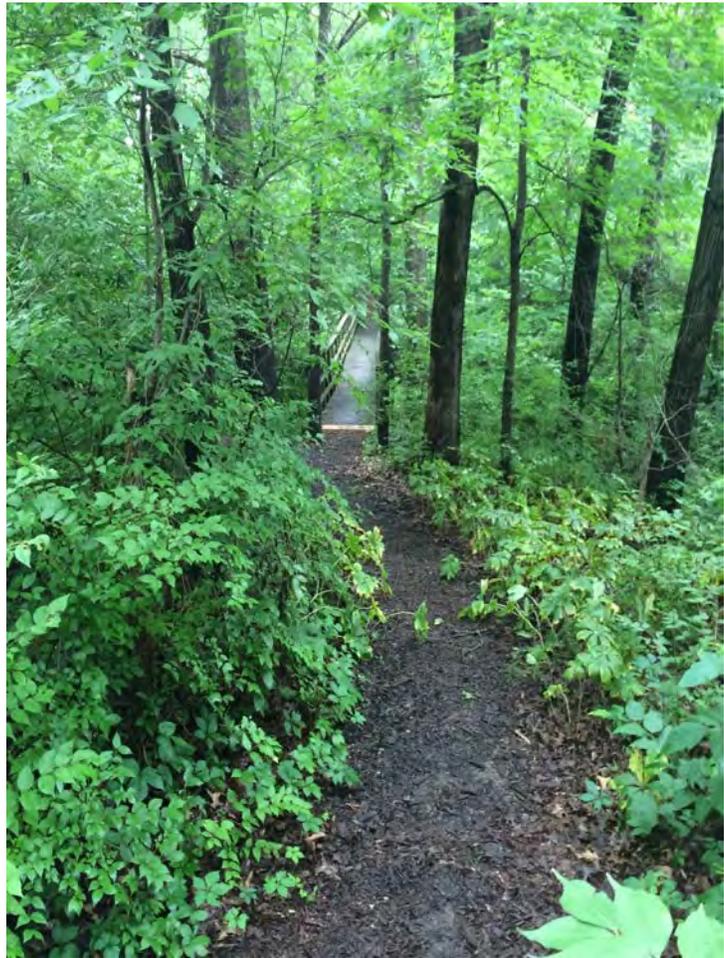
- West Side Christian Church

Existing Amenities:

None

Proposed Amenities:

- Improved trail entrance



Location

Adjacent to the West Side Christian Church, northeast of the trail intersection with West Washington Street. A hiking trail network exists between the church and the trail.

Proposed Improvement

The access from the Sangamon Valley to the hiking trail goes through a shallow ditch. A culvert or bridge may be required to create an even access between trails that would not flood or be waterlogged.

Property Owner: West Side Christian Church



Access 16



NEWPORT DRIVE (PROPOSED)

Area Served:

- Cider Mill Subdivision

Existing Amenities:

None

Proposed Amenities:

- Signage
- Paved Path

Location

A dirt path has been worn between the trail and the cul-de-sac at the north end of Newport Drive.

Proposed Access

Convert dirt path into either asphalt pavement or concrete sidewalk. Signage marking the trail could be placed on Newport Drive.

Property Owners : City of Springfield

Proposed Signage Examples:



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Access 17



MARCHELLE DRIVE (PROPOSED)

Area Served:

- Youngston Hills

Existing Amenities:

None

Proposed Amenities:

- Signage
- Paved Path

Location

From the gravel lane at the north end of Marchelle Drive that leads to a CWLP electric substation a dirt path has been worn to the trail.

Proposed Access

Adjust the steep path to a level elevation, and place an appropriate sized culvert under path. Convert dirt-gravel path into asphalt paving.

Property Owners: Level 3 Communications LLC

Proposed Signage Examples:



Trailhead 18

**STUART PARK
TRAILHEAD
(EXISTING)**

Area Served:

- Palomino Subdivision
- Stuart Park
- General Springfield Area

Existing Amenities:

- Portable Toilet
- Water Fountain
- Garbage Can
- Parking Lot
- Trail Map
- Bike Rack
- Benches
- Picnic Shelter
- Playground
- Athletic Fields
- Dog Park
- Bike Repair Station

Proposed Amenities:

- Multi-Use Trails Map
- Trail Etiquette Sign



Location

In the parking lot of Stuart Park located on the west side of Winch Road.

Existing Access

Existing access to the trail is from the southwest asphalt parking lot in Stuart Park. The SVT now ends at Stuart Park but construction of the northern part of the trail to Irwin Bridge Road is scheduled for completion in 2016. At that time the part of the current trail that extends east into Stuart Park will become a connector to the SVT rather than part of the trail.

Existing Amenities:



Wabash Trail



The Wabash Trail is an asphalt multi-use trail that extends approximately 2 miles from Robbins Road to South Park Avenue. The trail was constructed on a former Wabash Railroad right-of-way that is currently owned by Norfolk Southern Railroad. Negotiations are underway to transfer ownership of the property to the Springfield Park District.

This trail is a shorter neighborhood trail providing recreational opportunity, connecting people to commercial areas and serving as a vital part of the envisioned interconnected trail system.

There are four existing access points along the trail -

- at the Robbins Road trailhead to the west
- at Vredenburgh Park
- at the sidewalk between the Sherwood Subdivision and Westchester Subdivision neighborhoods
- at the Junction Circle trailhead near Park Avenue to the east

There are several dirt pathways that have been created by trail users. Access at these points is desired to and from the surrounding residential and commercial areas. These pathways are documented and included as potential access points in the following discussion.

Wabash Trail

Trailhead 1

ROBBINS ROAD TRAILHEAD (EXISTING)

Area Served:

- Parkway Pointe
- General Springfield Area

Existing Amenities:

- Parking Lot
- Bus Stop
- Signage
- Water Fountain
- Bench

Proposed Amenities:

- Multi-Use Trails Map
- Garbage Can
- Mileage Signs
- Sponsored Signage
- Trail Etiquette Sign



Location

The western trailhead of the Wabash Trail is located on the east side of Robbins Road between Hollis Drive and Lindbergh Boulevard.

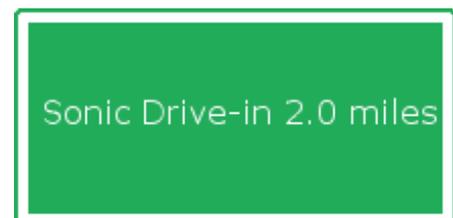
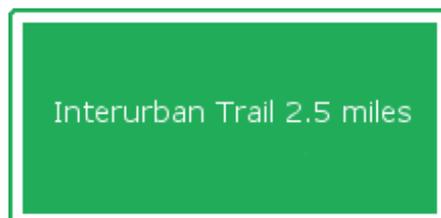
Existing Access

A sidewalk running along Robbins Road intersects at the beginning of the trail. Access to the roadway is provided by a concrete driveway, restricted to bicycles and pedestrians. Wooden pier barriers are placed such that motorized vehicles are prohibited from entry. However, they are displaceable so maintenance and emergency vehicles can pass through if needed. Rip-rap is present on the south side of the trail north of the car wash to decrease water-runoff from the business. A trail parking lot is located to the north. The water fountain and bench are sponsored by BJ Grand Salon

Existing Signage:



Proposed Signage Examples:



Access 2

**WEST WHITE
OAKS DRIVE
CONNECTOR
(PROPOSED)**



Area Served:

- Southwest Plaza

**Existing
Amenities:**

None

**Proposed
Amenities:**

- Bench
- Trail Access

Location

From West White Oaks Drive southwest of Old Navy

Proposed Access

There is a grass pathway on the north side of the trail. Employees of the office buildings located north of West White Oaks Drive have been observed walking to the trail via this pathway. When development occurs within the area, the recommendation would be for the developer to facilitate trail access and amenities for the Wabash trail.

Property Owner: Kerasotes IL Theaters Inc.

Wabash Trail

Access 3

PARKWAY POINTE/ SOUTHWEST PLAZA CONNECTOR (PROPOSED)

Area Served:

- Parkway Pointe
- Southwest Plaza

Existing Amenities:

None

Proposed Amenities:

- Sponsored Signage
- Paved Access to Commercial Areas



Location

West of Veterans Parkway.

Proposed Access

On the south side of the trail, an open grass area is used by pedestrians to walk to and from Parkway Pointe. This access point has a very high potential for improvement; it can connect the Wabash Trail to both Parkway Pointe (to the south) and Southwest Plaza (to the north). To the south numerous guy-wires from electric poles could present a bit of a problem. There is a parking lot for Southwest Plaza to the north which presents an easier situation to negotiate a trail connection. Asphalt paths should be considered on the north and south sides to connect the two business sectors to the Wabash Trail. This access point could be moved west to be closer to connect directly to the store fronts, but a stairway would be required due to a grade change between the trail and parking lot. The location shown above and below in the photos could be served with flat paved access.

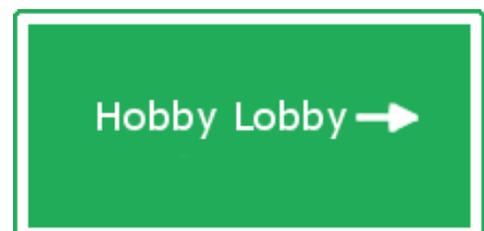
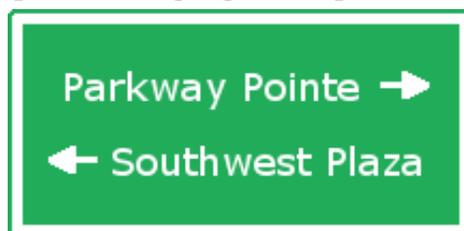
Property Owners:

North of Trail : IDOT, TSG Southwest Plaza LLC

South of Trail : IDOT, Capital Property Ventures LLC, Carroll W. Rogers



Sponsored Signage Examples:



Wabash Trail

Access 4

VREDENBURGH PARK (EXISTING)

Area Served:

- Sherwood Subdivision

Existing Amenities:

- Parking Lot
- Garbage Can
- Picnic Tables
- Toilet
- Water Fountain
- Signage at road entrance to park
- Bike Repair Station

Proposed Amenities:

- Signage at trail entrance to park



Location

East of Veterans Parkway.

Existing Access

The parking lot for Vredenburgh Park connects to the Wabash Trail by an asphalt pavement at the southwest corner. The parking lot also connects to the Sherwood Subdivision. A collapsible pier is constructed at the access point to block motorized vehicle usage of the trail.

Existing Signage:



Proposed Signage Example:



Wabash Trail

Access 5

SHERWOOD/ WESTCHESTER CONNECTOR (EXISTING)

Area Served:

- Sherwood Subdivision
- Westchester Subdivision

Existing Amenities:

None

Proposed Amenities:

- Water Fountain
- Picnic Tables
- Garbage Can
- Signage
- Small Park



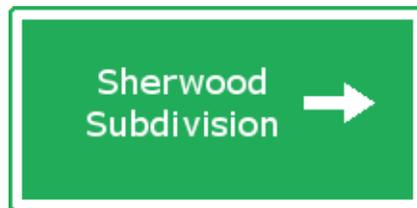
Location

Between Saxon Drive in Sherwood Subdivision across from Quarterstaff Road and Idlewild Drive in Westchester Subdivision.

Existing Access

A sidewalk extends between these two subdivisions, intersecting with the Wabash Trail. Wooden piers are placed along both sides of the trail to prohibit motor vehicle access.

Proposed Signage Example:



Access 6

WESTCHESTER PARK (PROPOSED)

Area Served:

- Westchester Subdivision

Existing Amenities:

- Bus Stop
- Water Fountain
- Benches
- Playground

Proposed Amenities:

- Signage
- Trail Access



Location

North of Westchester Park.

Proposed Access

A row of trees and shrubs south of the Wabash Trail prevent any easy access between the trail and the park. An existing shallow ditch along the south side of the trail also impedes access.

Some trees or shrubs would most likely need to be removed to construct an asphalt path between the Wabash Trail and the neighborhood park in Westchester subdivision. In addition, three culverts would be needed for the shallow ditches through the park.

If an asphalt connection is made between the Wabash Trail and Westchester Park, then the connection should extend to the entrance of the park at the sidewalk north of the T-intersection of Westchester Boulevard and Concord Drive. An existing bus stop at the entrance to Westchester Park allows for a multi-modal connection.

Property Owner : Springfield Park District

Proposed Signage Example:



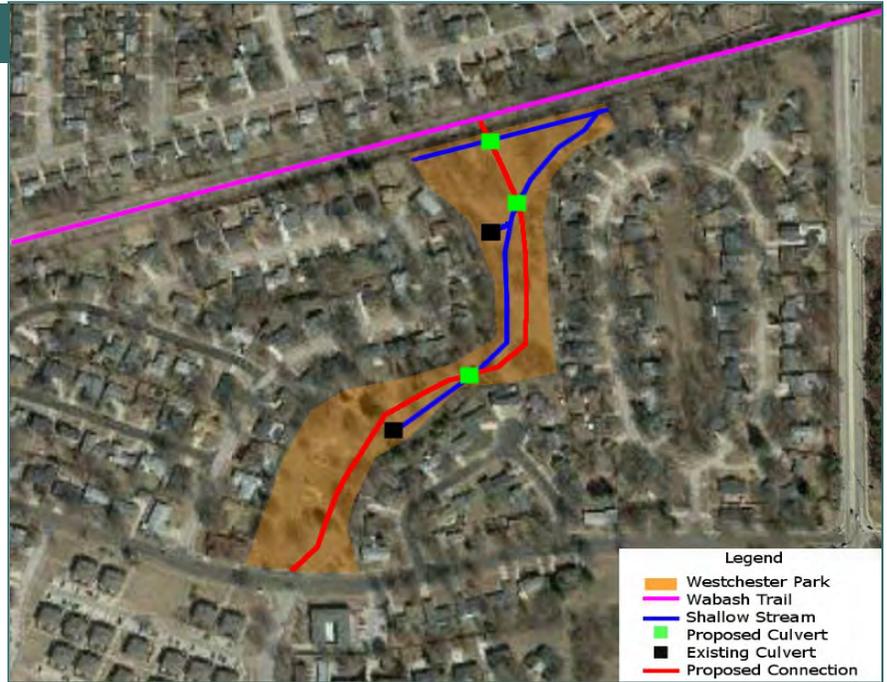
Wabash Trail

Access 6

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Additional infrastructure at Westchester Park may be necessary due to the topography of the area.

To the right is a map depicting a possible connecting path and several pictures of the topography.



Wabash Trail

Access 7

CHATHAM ROAD CONNECTOR (PROPOSED)

Area Served:

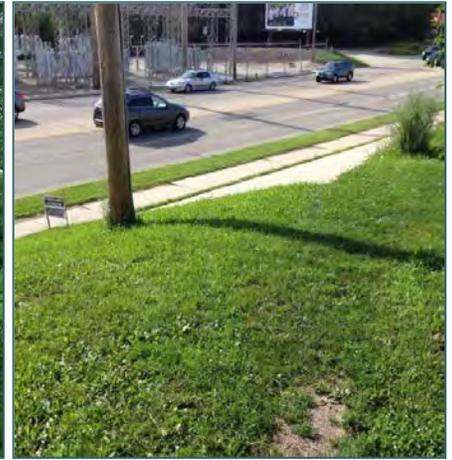
- Wabash Avenue Commercial Area

Existing Amenities:

None

Proposed Amenities:

- Signage
- Stairs & Bike Ramp



Location

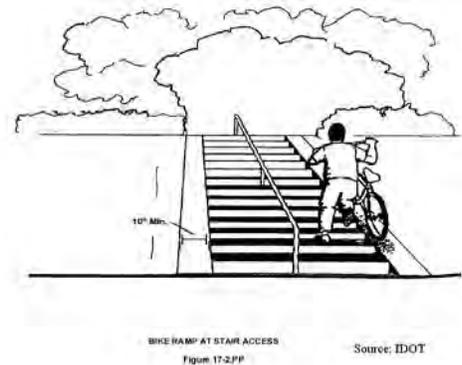
East side of the bridge that crosses Chatham Road on the north side of the trail.

Proposed Access

An inconspicuous dirt path connects the Wabash Trail on the north to the sidewalk along the east side of Chatham road. Wooden fencing extends from both sides of the bridge for safety.

Because of the grade, a concrete stairway would provide the best access. The stairs should be designed so that bikes could be rolled up and down to access the trail.

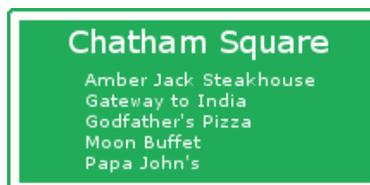
Property Owner: City of Springfield



Proposed Signage Examples:



Sponsored Signage Example:



Wabash Trail

Access 8

WESTBROOK APARTMENTS (PROPOSED)

Area Served:

- Westbrook Apartment Complex

Existing Amenities:

None

Proposed Amenities:

- Signage
- Paved Trail Connection



Location

East side of the bridge that crosses Chatham Road, on the south side of the trail.

Proposed Access

A dirt path connects the Wabash Trail on the south to the Westbrook apartment complex. The trail goes through a thick hedge that would need to be cleared or thinned to allow better access.

Property Owner: Northwest Capital Holdings LLC

Proposed Signage Example:



Wabash Trail

Access 9

WABASH COMMERCIAL AREA/ PINWOODS APARTMENTS (PROPOSED)

Area Served:

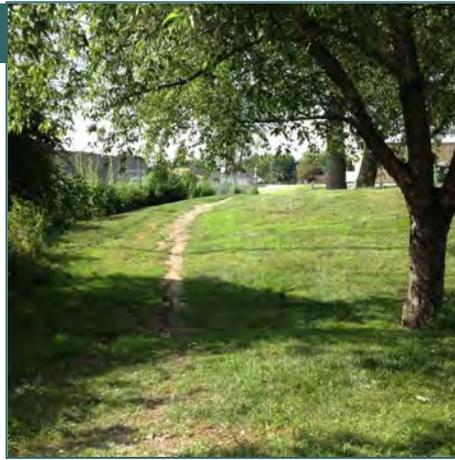
- Seven Pines Apartment Complex
- Chatham Square
- Yard Shopping Center

Existing Amenities:

None

Proposed Amenities:

- Signage
- Paved Trail Connection



Location

Southwest corner of the Yard Shopping Center, North of Pinwoods Apartments

Proposed Access

Between Chatham Square and the Yard Shopping Center, a dirt path connects to the Wabash Trail. Another dirt path south of the trail connects to the tennis courts at the northeast corner of Westbrook Apartments.

On the south side of the trail, the dirt path could be improved to asphalt pavement. On the north side of the trail, the dirt path that goes between Chatham Square and the Yard Shopping Center can also be improved to asphalt pavement. Since the path would cross a shallow ditch, a proper culvert will need to be constructed under the proposed asphalt connection. In addition, signage that provides the list of available commercial businesses could be placed next to the access point.

Property Owners

North of the Trail : Chatham Square Associates LLC, Charles E. Robbins, INB TR 01-007

South of Trail : Regency Windsor Westbrook

Proposed Signage Example:



Sponsored Signage Example:



Wabash Trail

Access 10

YARD SHOPPING CENTER CONNECTOR (PROPOSED)

Area Served:

- Wabash Commercial Area
- Multiple Apartment Complexes

Existing Amenities:

None

Proposed Amenities:

- Signage
- Paved Trail Connection



Location

South of the Yard Shopping Center, North of Pinewoods Apartments

Proposed Access

From the south side of the trail, a dirt path extends to the sidewalks in Pinewoods Apartments. On the north side of the trail, a dirt path connects to the commercial businesses in the Yard Shopping Center.

On the south side of the trail, the dirt path that connects to Pinewoods Apartments can be improved to asphalt pavement. On the north side of the trail, the dirt path that connects to the pavement east of the Yard Shopping Center can be improved to asphalt pavement. Since the path would cross a shallow ditch, a proper culvert will need to be constructed under the proposed asphalt connection. In addition, signage that provides the list of available commercial businesses should be placed next to the access point.

Property Owners:

North of Trail : Ace Hardware, Bishop Hardware & Supply, INB Trustee
South of Trail : Springfield Housing Associates

Sponsored Signage Example:

The Yard Shopping Center
Country Market
Dollar General
Jeffery Alan's
One on One Fitness

Wabash Trail

Access II

ACE HARDWARE CONNECTOR (PROPOSED)

Area Served:

- Orchard Park Apartments
- Wabash Commercial Area
- Jerome

Existing Amenities:

None

Proposed Amenities:

- Signage
- Paved Trail Connection



Location

North of Orchard Park Apartments, south of Ace Hardware.

Proposed Access

South of the trail, a dirt path connects to the Wabash Trail from the driveway-parking lots on the west side of Orchard Park Apartments. A small area of farmland is located between the Wabash Trail and the apartment complex. The dirt path that connects to Orchard Park can be improved into asphalt pavement.

No path currently connects the trail and the commercial businesses north of the trail such as ACE Hardware, Steak N' Shake, Subway, and The Barrelhead. An asphalt path can be constructed to connect to the pavement west of ACE Hardware. Since the path would cross a shallow ditch, a proper culvert will need to be constructed under the proposed asphalt connection. In addition, signage that provides the list of available commercial businesses could be placed next to the access point.

Property Owners:

North of Trail : Ace Hardware, Bishop Hardware & Supply Inc.

South of Trail : Connor Properties

Sponsored Signage Example:



Wabash Trail

Access 12

FLOORING DEPOT CONNECTOR (PROPOSED)

Area Served:

- Multiple Apartment Complexes
- Wabash Commercial Area

Existing Amenities:

None

Proposed Amenities:

- Signage
- Paved Trail Connection



Location

Northeast of Orchard Park Apartments, south of Flooring Depot.

Proposed Access

To the south, a dirt path connects the Wabash Trail to the driveway-parking lots on the eastern side of Orchard Park. A small area of farmland is located between the Wabash Trail and the apartment complex. This path could be improved to asphalt pavement.

No path connects to commercial businesses north of the access point such as Food Fantasies, Specialty Cakes, and Wabash Liquors. An asphalt path could be built to connect to the pavement west of the Flooring Depot. Since the path would cross a shallow ditch, a proper culvert will need to be constructed under the proposed connection. In addition, signage that provides the list of available commercial businesses should be placed next to the access point.

Property Owners:

North of Trail : MS Partners LLC
South of Trail : Connor Properties LLC

Proposed Signage Example:



Wabash Trail

Trailhead 13

JUNCTION CIRCLE TRAILHEAD (EXISTING)

Area Served:

- Pierik Place Neighborhood
- West Grand Place Neighborhood
- Interurban Trail
- Jerome
- General Springfield Area

Existing Amenities:

- Parking Lot
- Picnic Tables
- Trash Can
- Restaurant
- Bike Repair Station

Proposed Amenities:

- Multi-Use Trails Map



Location

On the north side of Junction Circle, west of the intersection of South Park Avenue and Wabash Avenue

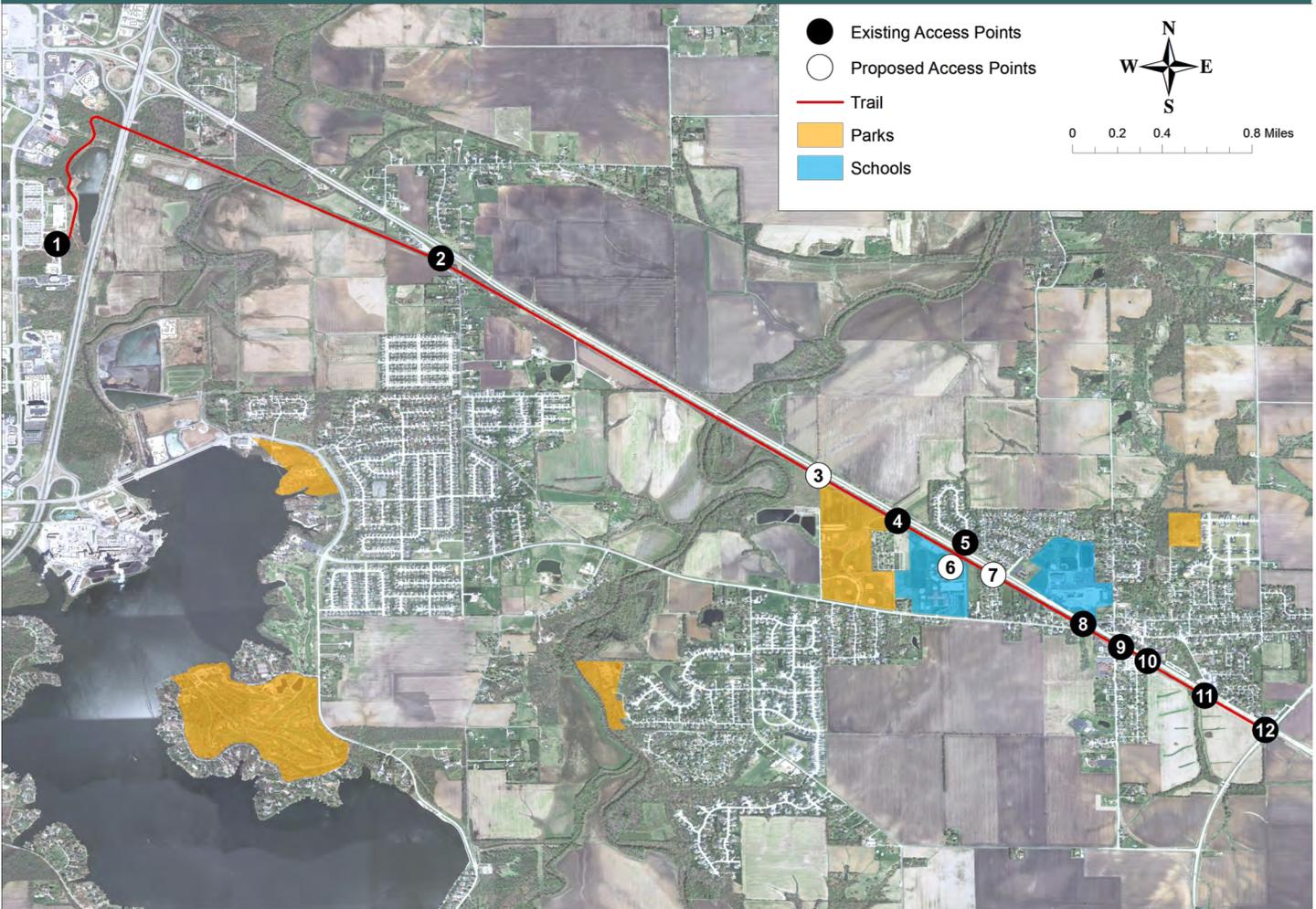
Existing Access

A small parking lot is located southeast of the Sonic drive-in. The parking lot serves the Wabash Trail directly but can also be used to access the Interurban Trail via a side path connector on the south side of Junction Circle. The Sonic Drive-In provides bike parking for bike patrons as well as water and refreshments.

Existing Signage:



Lost Bridge Trail



The Lost Bridge Trail is an asphalt multi-use trail extending approximately six miles between Cardinal Hill Road in Rochester and the IDOT Hanley Building on Dirksen Parkway in Springfield. The western part of the trail is maintained by the Springfield Park District and the eastern section is maintained by the Village of Rochester. East of Interstate 55, the Lost Bridge Trail travels along a former railroad corridor owned by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad (B&O RR). A sidewalk trail connector exists on the south side of Ash Street to Taylor Avenue and one block south to Cornell to access a pathway running southwest of Taylor. This pathway will eventually hookup to bicycle facilities to be included in the Stanford Avenue extension to Taylor Avenue.

Lost Bridge Trail

Trailhead 1

IDOT TRAILHEAD (EXISTING)

Area Served:

- East Springfield
- IDOT Building
- General Springfield Area

Existing Amenities:

- Parking Lot
- Benches
- Signage
- Water Fountain
- Portable Toilet
- Trail Map
- Fishing lake
- Picnic Tables
- Pay Phone
- Bike Repair Station

Proposed Amenities:

- Multi-Use Trails Map
- Trail Etiquette Sign



Location

This trailhead is located at the southeast part of the IDOT Hanley Building parking lot. Signage exists directing users from Dirksen Parkway to the trailhead.

Existing Access

Access is directly from the parking lot.

Existing Signage & Amenities:



Lost Bridge Trail

Access 2

HILLTOP ROAD (EXISTING)

Area Served:

- Beaver Creek Subdivision
- Highlander Estates
- Lake Forest Estates
- Lincoln Greens Estates
- Palisades Subdivision
- Timberlane Subdivision
- Timberlane East Subdivision
- Tallgrass Subdivision
- White Bell Acres
- White Timber Estates

Existing Amenities:

- Signage
- Trash Can

Proposed Amenities:

- Trail sign on Hilltop Road
- Drinking Fountain



Location

Just south of Illinois Route 29 on the east side of Hilltop Road.

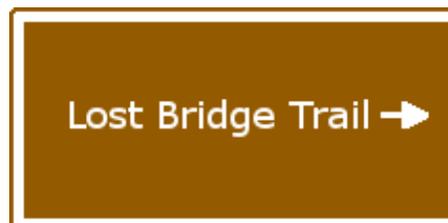
Existing Access

A sidewalk connects the trail to Hilltop Road. A water pipe runs along the trail approximately 50 yards east of the access point. The pipe could be used for installation of a drinking fountain.

Existing Signage:



Proposed Signage Example:



Lost Bridge Trail

Access 3

ROCHESTER COMMUNITY PARK (Proposed)

Area Served:

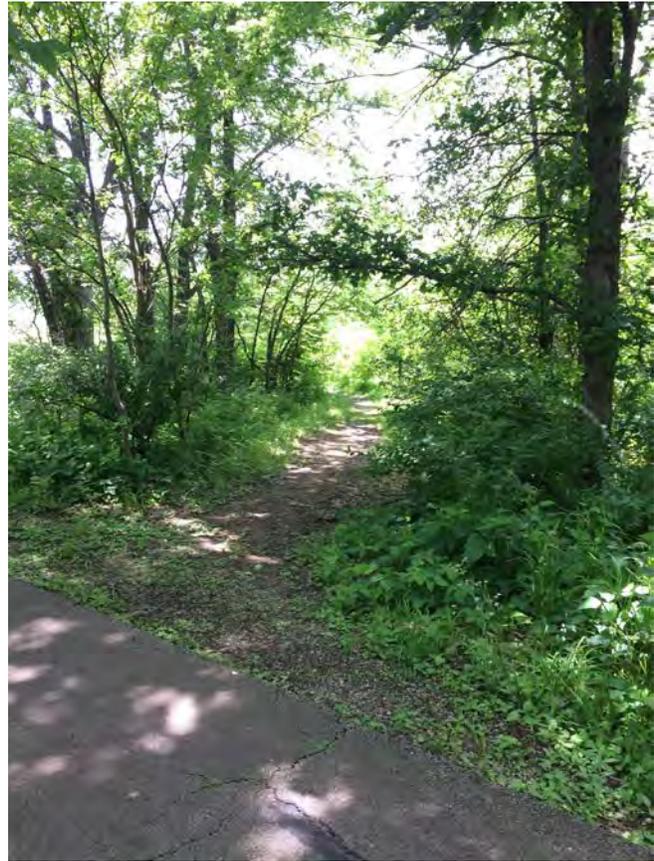
- Rochester
Community Park

Existing Amenities:

None

Proposed Amenities:

- Paved access
- Signage



Location

A dirt path has been worn from the trail to the Northwest corner of Rochester Community Park near the soccer fields.

Proposed Improvements

A paved path to the park is suggested. The path could continue to meet the trail system within the park.

Property Owner : Village of Rochester, Richard & Karen Alexander



Lost Bridge Trail

Access 4

ROCHESTER COMMUNITY PARK (EXISTING)

Area Served:

- Rochester Community Park
- Rochester Elementary & Middle School
- South Rochester Area

Existing Amenities:

- Bench
- Garbage Can

Proposed Amenities:

- Signage



Location

At the northeast corner of Rochester Community Park

Existing Access

An asphalt trail connects to the park.

Proposed Signage Examples:



Lost Bridge Trail

Access 5

TAFT DRIVE (EXISTING)

Area Served:

- Rochester Elementary & Middle School
- The Meadows Subdivision

Existing Amenities:

- Bench
- Garbage Can
- Crosswalk

Proposed Amenities:

- Proposed Access to Rochester Elementary & Middle School (See Access 6)



Location

On the south side of Illinois Route 29 across from Taft Road.

Existing Access

A sidewalk and stairs provide access between the trail and Illinois Route 29. A crosswalk assists users in crossing the highway.

Existing Signage:



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Access 6

ROCHESTER ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL (PROPOSED)

Area Served:

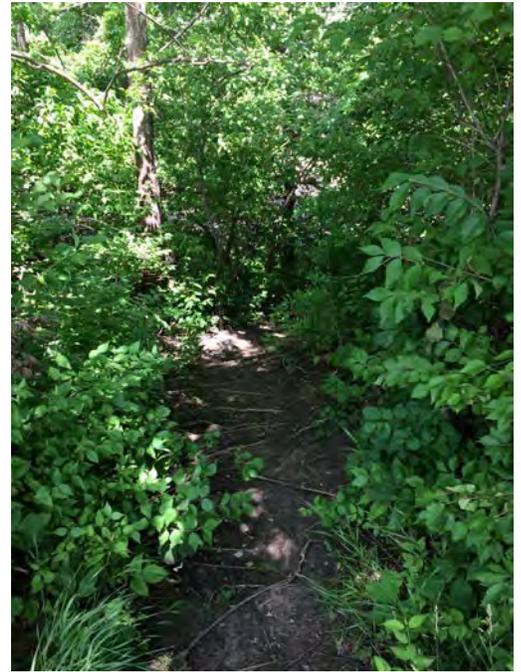
- Rochester Elementary & Middle School

Existing Amenities:

- Taft Drive Trail Access Point (See Access 5)

Proposed Amenities:

- Paved access to Rochester Elementary & Middle School



Location

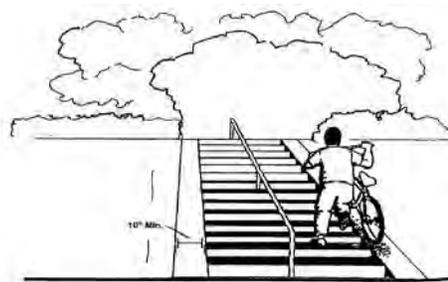
On the south side of the trail, directly south of the Taft Drive access point.

Existing Access

A dirt path has been worn from the trail to the Rochester Elementary & Middle School.

Proposed Improvement

A paved access from the trail to the school is suggested. A path installed to the school would require stairs, such as the in the example below, to be installed due to the steep change in grade.



BIKE RAMP AT STAIR ACCESS
Figure 17-2PP

Source: IDOT

Lost Bridge Trail

Access 7

MELODY DRIVE (PROPOSED)

Area Served:

- Garden Acres Subdivision

Existing Amenities:

None

Proposed Amenities:

- Paved Access



Location

At the north end of the Melody Drive cul-de-sac.

Proposed Access

A dirt path has been made at the end of Melody Drive to the trail. This could be improved to a wide sidewalk.

Property Owners : Village of Rochester

Lost Bridge Trail

Access 8

MAIN STREET (EXISTING)

Area Served:

- Residential Area
- Rochester High School
- General Rochester Area

Existing Amenities:

- Restrooms
- Water Fountain
- Garbage Can
- Crosswalk
- Stoplight
- Parking Lot
- Trail Map
- Bike Rack
- Trail Parking Signage on Illinois Route 29

Proposed Amenities:

- Multi-Use Trails Map
- Trail Etiquette Sign



Location

At Main Street in Rochester at intersection with Illinois Route 29.

Existing Access

Access is available from Main Street and from the trail parking lot on the south side of Main Street.

Existing Amenities:



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Access 9

WALNUT STREET (EXISTING)

Area Served:

- Residential Area
- Commercial Area
- Downtown

Existing Amenities:

- Stoplight
- Crosswalk

Proposed Amenities:

- Sponsored Signage



Location

On Walnut Street at the Illinois Route 29 intersection.

Existing Access

Access to the trail is directly off of Walnut Street.

Sponsored Signage Example:



Lost Bridge Trail

Access 10

STATTLEY STREET (EXISTING)

Area Served:

- Residential Area
- Commercial Area
- Downtown

Existing Amenities:

- Crosswalk

Proposed

- Sponsored Signage



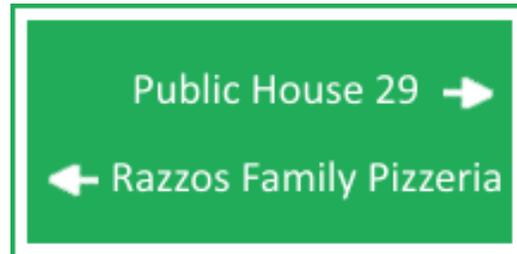
Location

On Sattley at the Illinois Route 29 intersection.

Existing Access

Access to the trail is directly off of Sattley Street.

Sponsored Signage Example:



Lost Bridge Trail

Access II

STATE STREET (EXISTING)

Area Served:

- Downtown
- Commercial Area
- Village View Subdivision

Existing Amenities:

- Crosswalk
- Stoplight

Proposed Amenities:

- Sidewalk on the north side of the highway and along State Street
- Sponsored Signage



Location

On the east side of Illinois Route 29 across from State Street.

Existing Access

Asphalt path between the trail and the highway.

Proposed Signage Example:



Lost Bridge Trail

Access 12

CARDINAL HILL ROAD TRAILHEAD (EXISTING)

Area Served:

- Rochester Public Library
- Rochester Municipal Center

Existing Amenities:

- Crosswalk
- Stoplight

Proposed Amenities:

- Trail Etiquette Sign
- Signage



Location

The Lost Bridge Trail currently ends at Cardinal Hill Road.

Existing Access

Access is off of Cardinal Hill Road at the Illinois Route 29 intersection.

Proposed Signage Example:



Interurban Trail

Existing Signage Locations:

- None

Proposed Signage Locations:

- Wabash Avenue at Park Street
- 6th Street at Hazel Dell Road
- IL 4 at Woodside Road
- IL 4 at Walnut Street

Sangamon Valley Trail

Existing Signage Locations:

- None

Proposed Signage Locations:

- Wabash Avenue at Bunker Hill Road
- Bunker Hill Road at Lenhart Road
- Jefferson Street at Winch Road

Wabash Trail

Existing Signage Locations:

- None

Proposed Signage Locations:

- Wabash Avenue at Park Street
- Wabash Avenue at Robbins Road

Lost Bridge Trail

Existing Signage Locations:

- Dirksen Parkway at IDOT
- IL 29 at Main Street

Proposed Signage Locations:

- None

Appendix B

Trail Signage Style Examples



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