



## Media Release

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### Clinton River Trail Construction Closures

The Clinton River Trail between Bagley Street in the City of Pontiac and Pontiac Drive in Bloomfield Twp. will experience periodic closures starting April 18, 2022. Friends of the Clinton River Trail (FCRT) in cooperation with the cities of Pontiac and Sylvan Lake will have contractors making significant maintenance and safety improvements to the trail over that stretch. It is planned that the entire trail will not be closed; however, portions will need to be barricaded as construction progresses. Updates will be available on the Friends group website: [www.clintonrivertrail.org](http://www.clintonrivertrail.org). Construction is expected to last until mid-summer.

“FCRT served as a catalyst to bring together the various stakeholders and funding sources for this collaborative effort. This type of project would have never happened without the cooperation of Pontiac, Sylvan Lake and other private groups,” said Melinda Hill, FCRT president. FCRT provided the initial funding for design and engineering services allowing the project to get started while several other partners helped make this \$720,000 project a reality. Significant financial and in-kind donations were received from the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan’s Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Trails Maintenance Fund; the Pontiac Funders Collaborative; Oakland County Economic Development and the Community Foundation of Greater Rochester.

Specific improvements to be made include:

- Installing a pedestrian/cyclist activated signal at Orchard Lake Road (by the entrance of Beaudette Park)
- Re-align and improve the Pontiac Drive crossing
- Upgrading all road crossings to be ADA compliant
- Installing new 10-foot-wide crushed limestone surface for 1.75 miles
- Addressing maintenance needs adjacent to the Clinton River (fixing washout spots)
- Replacing deteriorating wooden railings at two bridges over the Clinton River
- Installing bollards at road crossings to prevent unauthorized motorized vehicles

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### **About the Clinton River Trail (CRT)**

CRT is a 16 mile long, multi-use, recreational trail extending through the communities of Sylvan Lake, Pontiac, Auburn Hills, Rochester Hills and Rochester. The CRT provides connections to several other trails in the area and is a critical part of two cross-state trails: the Iron Belle Trail running from Belle Isle to Ironwood and the Great Lake to Lake Trail Route #1 from South Haven to Port Huron. The CRT has contributed to the health, vitality and quality of life in the region for 17 years.

### **About Friends of the Clinton River Trail**

An all-volunteer group, Friends of the Clinton River Trail is dedicated to improving the safety and enjoyment of the trail for all users. Representing approximately 450 members, the group's Steering Committee works with each of the five cities through which the trail passes to achieve consistent branding for the trail and a common standard for trail appearance and maintenance. For information, or to join Friends of the Clinton River Trail, visit the group's website: [clintonrivertrail.org](http://clintonrivertrail.org)

### **Attached:**



Clinton River Trail crossing of Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac will be improved with a new, re-aligned, trail surface and the installation of a pedestrian/cyclist activated HAWK beacon like the one currently found in Sylvan Lake. This is one of several maintenance and safety improvements to be made starting in mid-April.

