



FACT SHEET

Friends of the Clinton River Trail (FCRT): An all-volunteer, non-profit citizen group with a membership of over 450 people from communities on or near the Clinton River Trail (CRT).

Mission Statement: Friends of the Clinton River Trail is committed to promoting the Clinton River Trail as a safe and enjoyable recreational destination.

Goals:

- Short Term: Safe Crossings – Improving Major Road Crossings
- Mid-Term: One Trail/Five Cities – Consistent “Look & Feel” throughout the 16 miles of trail
- Mid to Long Term: Complete Pontiac Gap – Finalize Route with North Spur Acquisition
- On-Going: Strive to make CRT a destination by providing opportunities to connect people with the natural environment and cultural urban amenities

Recent Major Projects & Accomplishments:

- Installed new mile and half-mile markers along the full length of the trail.
- Updated kiosk bulletin boards with new magnetically receptive graphics panels. Kept postings up to date throughout the year.
- Installed new confidence markers indicating which portions of CRT are also part of the Iron Belle and Great Lake to Lake cross-state trails.
- Completed design engineering for trail/road crossing safety improvements at Pontiac Dr. and Inverness St. in Sylvan Lake plus designs for mast arm mounted overhead signs at Orchard Lake Rd. crossing #4.
- Planned special events for celebration of the 15th Anniversary of the CRT



Typical New Half-Mile Marker

On-going FCRT Activities:



- Manage the CRT website – clintonrivertrail.org – as well as mobile smart phone apps, online maps and social media accounts for CRT.
- Publish the annual ***Trailways*** newsletter – issued each year since 2006.
- Maintain the map boxes and mile markers along the trail – donations and/or grants to fund additional amenities are continually being sought.
- Design and print CRT maps and frequently fill the map boxes. Historically 10,000 maps are distributed annually.
- Organize periodic trail clean-ups and work days with a major focus on sidewalk recovery in Pontiac.
- Provide support for Motor City Brew Tours annual Charity Bike Rides benefiting Friends of the Paint Creek Trail and Friends of the Clinton River Trail. Next event to support FCRT is scheduled for Saturday, May 4, 2019.
- Prepare trail advocacy presentations and updates to each city’s legislative body. Encourage proper maintenance of CRT.
- Hold regular FCRT meetings, usually on the last Tuesday of the month. Visit clintonrivertrail.org for details.



Volunteers from GM Cares Cleaning Up CRT in Pontiac