

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” in all Communities
- Mid to Long Term: Complete Pontiac Gap – Finalize Route with North Spur Acquisition
- On-Going: Have CRT become a destination trail providing opportunities to connect with the natural environment in our urban area

Recent Major Projects & Accomplishments:

- Obtained UPS Foundation grant and added FCRT funds to enable 2014 installation of HAWK (**H**igh intensity **A**ctivated cross **W**alk) beacon at Orchard Lake Road in Sylvan Lake
- Advocated for improved crossings at Crooks Rd., Livernois Rd., and Dequindre Rd. – Livernois crossing completed, expect 2014 construction on others
- Funded engineering design and fabrication drawings for prototype road crossing signage consistent with agreed ‘Look & Feel’ for CRT. Installed road crossing signs at Crooks Rd.
- Supported multiple grant applications to fund further implementation of amenities defined by the ‘Look & Feel’ guidelines. Hoping to receive grant award(s) in 2014
- Working to resolve final trail routing through Pontiac. Michigan DNR Trust Fund grant received (pending final legislative approval) for partial route acquisition



On-going Activities: FCRT maintains, sponsors, or coordinates

- The CRT web site – www.clintonrivertrail.org and new mobile smart phone apps
- A Memorial Bench Program -- several such benches are strategically placed along the trail
- Mile markers & map signs installed along the trail – donors and/or grants to fund other amenities are being sought
- Printing of the 6th Edition of CRT map & filling map boxes. 12,000 maps distributed annually
- Publish a yearly Newsletter since 2006
- Host the annual Fall Classic Bike Ride & 5K Walk. The 10th Fall Classic is Saturday, September 27, 2014
- Advocacy presentations to each community’s staff & City Council championing CRT’s infrastructure, development and maintenance
- Planning sessions with trail stakeholders

