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Overview

The Downriver Linked Greenways Initiative (DLGI) began in 1999 and is a community-driven regional effort to coordinate non-motorized transportation in the Downriver area. The Downriver communities recognize the importance and need for the improvement of issues surrounding quality of life in the area. The DLGI is attempting to improve the quality of life of Downriver residents, employees and visitors by connecting communities to one another and to the larger Southeast Michigan Region.

In 1999, the DLGI was one of only a few multi-jurisdictional, non-motorized initiatives in southeast Michigan. The DLGI was at the forefront of regional planning efforts and helped to fuel statewide momentum. Excitement, enthusiasm, public support, and funding opportunities have continued to grow and non-motorized planning and implementation is now considered one of the top Quality of Life issues in the region.

Addendum

This document is an addendum and update to the original DLGI Master Plan which was completed in 2001. This update was completed in order to recognize and document the significant efforts and accomplishments related to non-motorized connections and resource-based recreation that have taken place in the Downriver area over the past 7 years. This addendum also serves to update the vision for connectivity within the region and to provide updated information regarding potential funding sources.

Marketing Brochure

In addition to this addendum, the update efforts included the creation of a two-sided, full color, 11"x17" marketing brochure to represent the various opportunities available (or planned) to trail users in the Downriver area. The brochure will be a key communication piece for the DLGI to continue to raise awareness of the regional efforts.

DLGI Website Template

As part of the update to the DLGI materials, a web site template was developed for future use and implementation by the DLGI. The website will serve as a far-reaching communication media which is easy to update, provide news on events, and disseminate information throughout the world regarding the DLGI efforts. It's envisioned that

links to the DLGI website will be included on other state, regional, and local websites to direct more stakeholders and potential users of the non-motorized system to the Downriver area.

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Downriver Linked Greenways Initiative Marketing Brochure

"It's fun to be a little bit different in the world, to make a few new trails of your own."
Dennis Weaver



North-South Connector

Trail is planned to connect Lake Erie Metropark to the City of Detroit, generally following Jefferson Avenue and/or the Detroit Riverfront and link into the Fort-McGuire Greenway project. Trail will traverse through 8 communities and provide a connection to Grosse Ile, Humbug Marsh, the International Wildlife Refuge Headquarters, Inshore Elizabeth Park, John D. Dingell Park, and Belanger Park.

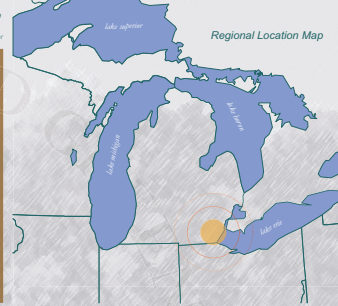
16 miles



HCMA/East West Connector

The trail provides a connection to the I-275 Bike Path, several Metroparks, and communities. It generally follows Gibraltar, Woodruff, and Old Fort Roads, Lower Huron, Willow, Oakwoods, and Lake Erie Metroparks total more than 6000 acres and provide a wide variety of recreational opportunities.

24 miles



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Rouge Gateway Greenway/Hines Park

The paved trail currently leads from the Hines Drive trail system, through the campuses of Henry Ford Community College and UJA-Oranienburg, including parts of Wayne County and City of Dearborn parklands. The Hines Parkway trail system traverses from 7 Mile Road to Ford Road along the Middle Rouge River and Hines Drive.

27 miles



I-275 Trail System

Built in the mid-1970's within the I-275 right-of-way, the trail connects Oakland, Wayne, and Monroe Counties with links to Willow, Lower Huron and Oakwoods Metroparks, Wayne County's Hines Drive, as well as local communities, businesses and schools.

42 miles



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The purpose of this brochure is to represent opportunities available to trail users in the Downriver area. In order to make your experience better, for more information on individual trails, and to get the most up to date status of proposed trails, log onto www.downrivergreenways.org



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