

HERITAGE ROUTE
ALCONA COUNTY
TEAM MEETING – MDOT OFFICES

The team discussed the need to amend the county recreation plan to include non-motorized trails.

MDOT talked about the need to look at what is being linked on US 23 – to look at the bigger picture.

The group talked about the Safe Routes to School Program – tie in with the Lincoln Trail Group.

The group discussed the need to get a larger plan written down.

Someone needs to contact Rogers City and Birchville Township (in St. Clair County – Bridge to Bay Trail) to see how their trail systems were funded.

The group discussed the Cool Cities grants from the State.

The trail could possibly go from Harrisville to Lakeshore Rd, then they could ride down Lakeshore Rd to Sturgeon Point. The Depot would be an anchor point. There could be a scenario of people parking at the State Park and riding through town to pick up the trail at the Depot.

The first step will be to see if it is buildable. The townships involved will be Harrisville and Haynes.

MDOT could possibly be the applicant for the Enhancement grant. Kevin will drive the route to see if it is feasible. Money is needed for a study to determine the best route through Harrisville.

The DNR will continue to work on the south section (in the park), while MDOT works on the north section. NEMCOG will look for a grant to determine the best route through the city.

There is a need for an overall plan to show different phases of the project.

The maintenance of the trail could fall on the townships, the county, and the road commission. There could be a trail group formed to maintain the trail. A maintenance agreement should be drawn up demonstrating the maintenance source, cost estimate and a schedule.

The Depot group should be involved in the trails group. Also needed are letters of support and a document that shows how the pathway fits into a larger plan.