

**Heritage Route  
Alcona County Team Meeting  
November 10, 2005**

The committee provided a re-cap of the last team meeting at the MDOT facility the week previous.

Art shared a letter from Keven Schaedig at MDOT after Kevin looked at the proposed route of the multi-use trail along US 23. Kevin indicated that there were several concerns with the route including the proximity of some houses to the road as well as large ditches that needed to be maintained. Also, he had safety concerns about the narrow shoulder that exists on Lakeshore Drive.

The group discussed maintenance of the trail. It was noted that a volunteer group such as the Lions could be used to keep the path clear of brush and debris. The group discussed the possibility of forming a subcommittee under the Alcona County Parks and Recreation Commission. This subcommittee would take on responsibility for the trail system.

Matt Burke, from the Sunrise Preserve, attended the meeting for a short while to discuss the possibility of a trail traversing his property. He noted that he had no problem with such a scenario, however he was sure that the property owners to the north would not allow a trail system across their property. Burke also stated that he was very in favor of the idea of a trail and that he would help in whatever way that he could.

The possibility of utilizing the railroad corridor for a trail route was discussed. NEMCOG will look into the width of the railroad right of way as well as the feasibility and requirements of putting a trail along an active rail line.

The group discussed the need for an overall trail “vision” in order to show that the Alcona County portion of the trail is part of a larger plan. Denise Cline noted that NEMCOG could prepare such a plan and that the Huron Greenways Plan (available on NEMCOG’s website) could be incorporated into it.