



2021-2025

## TRAILWAY MASTER PLAN

Orion Township | Oxford Township | Village of Oxford | Addison Township | Village of Leonard

# POLLY ANN TRAIL

OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN





## POLLY ANN TRAIL AT A GLANCE

### POLLY ANN TRAIL OAKLAND COUNTY

**LENGTH:**

16.9 miles

**YEAR ESTABLISHED:**

1997

**OWNERSHIP:**

Polly Ann Trailway Management Council, Orion Township + Michigan Department of Natural Resources

**SURFACE:**

Crushed Limestone + Asphalt

**COMMUNITIES:**

Orion Twp, Oxford Twp, Village of Oxford, Addison Twp + Village of Leonard

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**SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS:**

Iron Belle Trail-Bike Route (2012)  
Pure Michigan Trail (2019)

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**MISSION:** *To establish and operate a non-motorized greenway accessible to all, and positively impact the lives of all within its sphere of influence.*

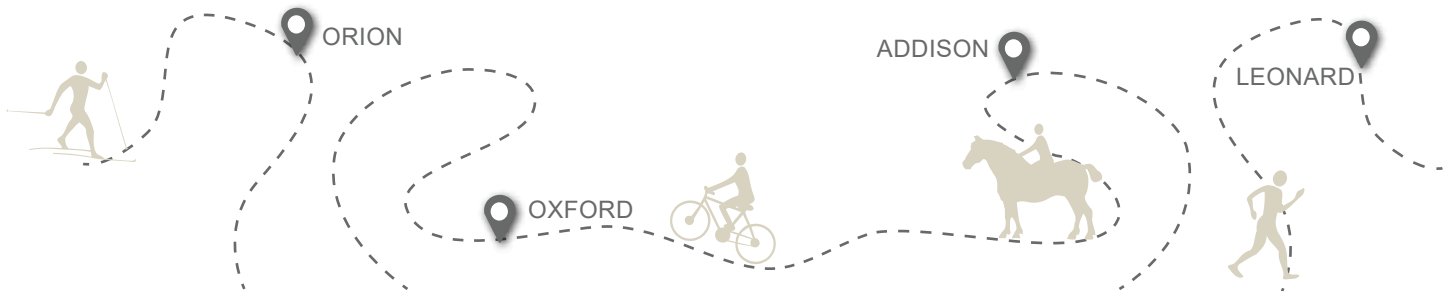
**HISTORY:** In 1883, the Pontiac, Oxford & Port Austin (P.O. & P.A.) operated from Pontiac to Caseville until the rail line was abandoned in 1986. Thankfully, a small group of local residents saw the value of the corridor and they have worked to transform the former railroad into the well traveled Polly Ann Trail. Today, this linear park is used for active transportation, encouraging healthy lifestyles, reducing social isolation and reconnecting people with nature.

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## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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### **Polly Ann Trail Communities | Oakland County Segment**

Orion Township • Oxford Township

Village of Oxford • Addison Township • Village of Leonard

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*Polly Ann Trail gateway near Joslyn Road.*



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### Introduction

The Polly Ann Trail (PAT) begins in Orion Township and spans almost 37 miles across northeastern Oakland County and central Lapeer County to the unincorporated town of Kings Mill. Much of the trailway generally follows the former Pontiac, Oxford and Port Austin Railroad right-of-way (later obtained by Grand Trunk Western Railroad). It is important to note that while the DNR owns the majority of the trail property, the Polly Ann Trailway Management Council oversees the portion in Oakland County and the Friends of the Polly Ann Trail of Lapeer County helps guide the development and operation of the trail in Lapeer County.

The focus for this master plan is on the portion of the PAT located in Oakland County, which is a 16.9-mile linear park that is open year round to hiking, biking, cross-country skiing and horseback riding. Trail users can enjoy the vistas of the scenic rural countryside and also take advantage of the businesses found along major commercial corridors. The PAT passes through the quaint downtowns of Oxford and Leonard and is easily accessible by nearby neighborhoods, schools and parks.

After more than 20 years since the Polly Ann Trailway Management Council (PATMC) was formed, the five partnering municipalities (Orion Township, Oxford Township, Village of Oxford, Addison Township and Village of Leonard) continue to meet on a regular basis. The PATMC and the trail manager oversee the day-to-day operations, maintenance, management and construction projects on the trail in Oakland County.

The Polly Ann Trailway Management Council envisions a future in which local residents can continue to enjoy:

- a walkable and bike friendly community—using the Polly Ann Trail and local spurs to make short trips within neighborhoods and towns to access nearby amenities
- an active and healthy lifestyle for everyone—making the most of open space and other non-motorized connections made possible by the PAT
- a sense of place—defined by natural resources, unique cultural amenities and historic features
- an inclusive, universally accessible, non-motorized trail network—committed to outdoor recreation and active transportation used by pedestrians, equestrians, cyclists and cross-country skiers at every age and ability



*Polly Ann Trail near Greenshield Road*

## Purpose of the Plan

The purpose of the 2021-2025 Polly Ann Trailway Master Plan is to provide a vision for future allocation of resources toward the development, maintenance, programming and operation for the segment of the Polly Ann Trail in Oakland County, Michigan. This plan builds on the 2013-2017 Polly Ann Trail Recreation Master Plan and was created using the *Guidelines for the Development of Community Park and Recreation Plans* by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (IC1924 Rev. 11/20/2018).

The development of the Polly Ann Trailway Master Plan was overseen by the Polly Ann Trailway Management Council and assistance was provided by the Oakland County Department of Economic Development & Community Affairs. The PATMC has representation from each of the following five communities: Orion Township, Oxford Township, Village of Oxford, Addison Township and Village of Leonard. This plan does not replace, duplicate or conflict with the adopted parks and recreation or community master plans for these municipalities. Rather, this plan complements these documents and continues to encourage a cooperative, multi-jurisdictional effort.

The priorities of this Trailway Master Plan include:

- Reaffirming the need and benefits of trails and greenways for active transportation and outdoor recreation in Southeast Michigan
- Promoting the PAT as a catalyst for encouraging sustainable, healthy, inclusive and economically viable communities
- Setting goals and strategic action plan for the PATMC and Polly Ann Trail Manager
- Encouraging connected non-motorized networks that link the Polly Ann Trail with other greenways and open spaces in the region and state
- Qualifying for private, local, state and federal grant funding



*Orion Center Trailhead*

## Community Description

The immediate area for this plan is approximately 16.9-miles in length, generally 50 feet wide and for the most part follows the former Grand Trunk Western Railroad. The Oakland County portion of the Polly Ann Trail begins near the center of Orion Township at Joslyn Road and continues northeast to the Lapeer/Oakland County line at Bordman Road. This former railroad corridor meanders through the five PATMC member communities and a general overview of the area can be found in Chapter 4: Community Resource Inventory and demographic information is included in Chapter 6: Basis for Action.

The Polly Ann Trail is approximately:

- 40 miles north of the City of Detroit
- 30 miles southeast of the City of Flint
- 80 miles east of the City of Lansing







### Enabling Legislation

The PATMC was formed in 1997 through an Interlocal Agreement between the five member communities pursuant to the Urban Cooperation Act of 1967 (1967 PA 7) and Part 721 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (Part 721 of 1994 PA 451). A copy of the most recent Interlocal Agreement is included in Appendix A.

Part 721 of 1994 PA 451 allows a Trail Management Council to:

- Establish between two or more governmental agencies for the development and management of a trail
- Adopt operating procedures and elect officers as deemed appropriate
- Operate and maintain that portion of one or more trails that are owned or under the control of the governmental agencies establishing the council
- Operate and maintain that portion of one or more trails that are located on state owned land
- Review and consider current and potential permitted uses of each trail and trail segment and provide an easily understood plan for trail users
- Establish protocols for the development and management of a trail, which may include signage, trail etiquette, safety guidance, historical and cultural interpretive plan, formula for sharing costs of maintenance, plan for linking the trail to nearby water trails, plan for providing transit-based access for trail users in order to enhance access for those who may not reside in the vicinity of the trail
- Coordinate the enforcement of trail rules and regulations and other applicable laws and ordinances, including permitted uses of the trail on trails owned or under the control of the governmental agencies establishing the council or, pursuant to an agreement under section 72105, trails that are located on state owned land
- Receive any grant made from the fund or other funding related to that portion of a trail within its jurisdiction
- Acquire or hold real property for the purpose of operating a trail
- Hold one or more public hearings to receive input and provide information on the development and management of a trail
- Dissolve by the governmental agencies that participated in creating the council



*Members of the original Polly Ann Trailway Management Council circa 1998.*

## Organizational Structure

The PATMC exists to develop, operate and maintain the section of trail in Oakland County, Michigan. Membership is made up of eight people from the five member communities (two appointees from each township governing body and one appointee from each of the villages) and one resident citizen at large appointed from one of the member communities. All Council members have one vote except the citizen at large, which is a non-voting position. Each member serves for a two year term and the Council elects a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer from the existing membership for a one year term.

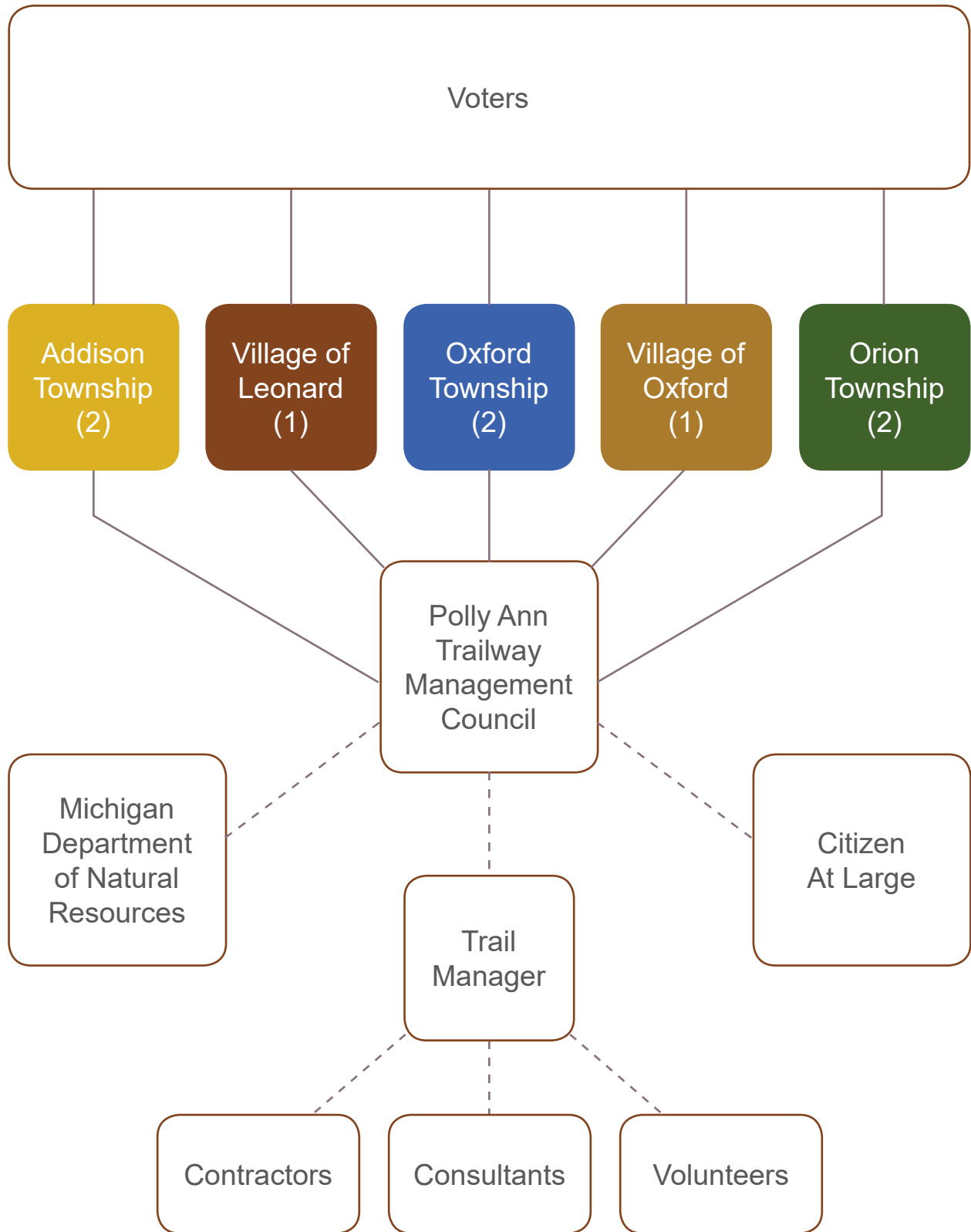
The Council meets on a regular basis and the meeting locations rotate between the municipal offices for each of the member communities. The PAT Office is currently located in the Village of Leonard at Rowland Hall.

An independent contractor position was created in 1997 for a part-time Trail Manager to oversee the administrative functions related to the PAT. In general, the Trail Manager reports directly to the Chair of the PATMC and responsibilities include:

- Attend PATMC meetings
- Manage and retain all trail records, public documents, files and communications (e.g. emails, phone calls and mail)
- Create an Annual Operations Budget in coordination with the PATMC Chair
- Complete regular trail inspections
- Oversee work done on the trail by contractors, consultants and volunteers
- Prepare requests for proposals, grant applications and other related documents
- Inventory all tools, power/maintenance equipment and PAT materials at least annually
- Coordinate with municipal Parks & Recreation and/or DPW department staff on trail maintenance
- Work with website contractor to update PAT website content and social media sites
- Facilitate, manage and coordinate events and programming on the trail
- Administer special use agreements and licenses
- Oversee updates to the 5-year Trailway Master Plan
- Develop marketing and communication materials (e.g. trail maps, flyers and special presentations)

In addition, the PATMC is the managing partner for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, which owns the northern 10.9 miles of the Polly Ann Trail in Oakland County. The ownership and access agreements for the southern portions of trail varies. Additional details, ownership map and related parcel information can be found in Chapter 3: Inventory of Existing Recreation Facilities.

**FIGURE 3. POLLY ANN TRAIL ORGANIZATIONAL CHART**



## Fiscal Overview

The PATMC is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit and has the authority to acquire trailway property, receive grant funding, enter into contracts and commit funds to complete work on the trail related to development, operation, acquisition, programming and maintenance. An Operations Budget for the Polly Ann Trail is prepared annually and is funded through an adopted funding formula that the five participating municipalities have agreed upon. Operating expenses include office supplies, utilities, insurance, professional services, maintenance equipment, advertising and contracted services. The table on the following page provides an overview of revenues and expenditures related to the Polly Ann Trail.

Each year the Council approves a Billing Formula, which is based on the following equation:

$$\text{Community Population} / \text{Total Population} = \text{Population \%}$$

$$\text{Community Trail Mileage} / \text{Total Mileage} = \text{Mileage \%}$$

$$(\text{Population \%} + \text{Mileage \%}) / 2 = \text{Average \%}$$

$$\text{Overall Budget} \times \text{Average \%} = \text{2020/2021 Unit Share}$$

Note: The PATMC approved the following overall budget increases:

\$2,500 in 2020; \$4,000 in 2021 and \$5,000 in 2022

### TABLE 1. 2021 POLLY ANN TRAIL BILLING FORMULA

Community	*2018 ACS Population	Population %	Mileage	Mileage %	Average %
Orion Township	35,495	55%	5.14	30%	43%
Oxford Township	18,475	29%	4.16	25%	27%
Oxford Village	3,553	6%	0.94	6%	6%
Addison Township	6,214	10%	5.36	32%	21%
Leonard	350	1%	1.32	8%	4%
	64,087	100%	16.91	100%	100%

Community	Budget Amount	Average %	2021 Unit Share
Orion Township	\$45,000	43%	\$19,298.21
Oxford Township	\$45,000	27%	\$12,016.52
Oxford Village	\$45,000	6%	\$2,496.87
Addison Township	\$45,000	21%	\$9,307.31
Leonard	\$45,000	4%	\$1,881.09
		100%	\$45,000.00

\*The 2018 American Community Survey (ACS) serves as the primary source of data for population.



## TABLE 2. POLLY ANN TRAIL BUDGET

Operating Revenues				
Description	Adopted 2018 Budget	Adopted 2019 Budget	Amended 2020 Budget	Proposed 2021 Budget
Opening Fund Balance	\$5,875.00	\$10,345.00	\$0.00	\$1,341.00
Polly Ann Trail Grant	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$4,375.00	\$10,000.00
Interest Savings Account	\$40.00	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$70.00
Donations, Sales and Reimbursements	\$20,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$42,500.00	\$0.00
Performance Bond/In Kind Services	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Contributions Orion Twp	\$15,007.00	\$15,007.00	\$15,981.80	\$19,298.21
Contributions Oxford Twp	\$10,822.00	\$10,822.00	\$11,525.10	\$12,016.52
Contributions Village of Oxford	\$2,302.00	\$2,302.00	\$2,451.80	\$2,496.87
Contributions Addison Twp	\$8,524.00	\$8,524.00	\$9,077.40	\$9,307.31
Contributions Village of Leonard	\$1,845.00	\$1,845.00	\$1,963.90	\$1,881.09
<b>Net of Revenues/Appropriations</b>	<b>\$71,415.00</b>	<b>\$59,915.00</b>	<b>\$87,945.00</b>	<b>\$56,411.00</b>
Operating Expenditures				
Description	Adopted 2018 Budget	Adopted 2019 Budget	Amended 2020 Budget	Proposed 2021 Budget
Fees Administrative	\$1,100.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Supplies Office	\$900.00	\$600.00	\$75.00	\$200.00
Postage	\$100.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Services Professional	\$1,500.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$2,000.00
Membership Dues	\$200.00	\$270.00	\$250.00	\$255.00
Telephone	\$300.00	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$350.00
Contracted Services - PAT Manager	\$21,000.00	\$23,000.00	\$25,200.00	\$24,000.00
Use of Facilities - Leonard	\$1,845.00	\$1,845.00	\$1,963.75	\$2,155.50
Insurance - Polly Ann Trail	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,837.00	\$3,000.00
Utilities - Electric PATMC	\$250.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Utilities - Water	\$120.00	\$300.00	\$900.00	\$900.00
Maintenance of Grounds	\$23,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$12,000.00
Equipment and Hardware	\$10,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$13,000.00	\$3,000.00
Fuel and Oil	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$200.00	\$400.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$2,819.25	\$100.50
Miscellaneous - Advertising and Web	\$600.00	\$500.00	\$900.00	\$500.00
Miscellaneous - Licenses and Fees	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
PATMC Sponsored Event Expenses	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00
Grant Expenses	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$71,415.00</b>	<b>\$59,915.00</b>	<b>\$87,945.00</b>	<b>\$56,411.00</b>

## Partner + Volunteer Groups

The PATMC maintains relationships with a variety of municipal agencies and civic groups to coordinate the use and maintenance of the Polly Ann Trail. A description of these partnerships is provided below.

### TRAIL SPONSOR PROGRAM

The PATMC works with individuals and local businesses that are interested in sponsoring the installation of new benches, picnic tables or trash receptacles. In addition, sections of the trail can be adopted and groups can help to remove debris and litter from the trail and report any issues or damage to the Trail Manager between regular trail inspections. Recognition signs are installed along the trail to identify the various sponsorship partners.

### OAKLAND COUNTY WWAM PROGRAM

The Oakland County Weekend & Weekday Alternative for Misdemeanants (WWAM) program provides the Polly Ann Trail with supervised participants completing required community service in lieu of jail time each year from March - November. WWAM crews often participate in litter clean-ups, brush and overgrown vegetation removal and other special trail related maintenance projects.

### SCOUTING ORGANIZATIONS

The PATMC works with local scout troops to help individuals successfully obtain the rank of Eagle Scout. The Polly Ann Trail has many Eagle Scout projects along the length of the trail.

### MUNICIPAL PARKS AND DPW STAFF

The PATMC has a good working relationship with the municipal Parks & Recreation staff and Department of Public Works staff. They work collaboratively to maintain the Polly Ann Trail.



*Example of a sponsor sign.*



*Scout Troop 130 installed a small shade shelter for the bench near Bordman Road.*



### Trail Amenities + Related Facilities

A complete inventory of existing trailway facilities, amenities and special designations provides a base of information to use in developing the Action Program and is an essential component of a master plan. In addition, gathering information on adjacent properties, programming and features that relate to the Polly Ann Trail will assist in the decision making process.

This chapter of the plan includes:

- Trail user experience and trail etiquette considerations
- Facility types
- Barrier free accessibility evaluation and amenity inventory
- Jurisdiction map and parcel information for assets related to the Polly Ann Trail
- Information on regional parks, Oakland County trail network and regional non-motorized trails
- Previously funded grant projects



*Bob Godkin was a great supporter of the Polly Ann and served on the Trail Council as the Citizen Representative for many years. He was an avid woodworker and handcrafted the bench pictured above for the trail. Bob passed away in 2019 and will be greatly missed.*

*April 12, 1934 – May 26, 2019*

## User Experience + Trail Etiquette

The Polly Ann Trailway Management Council encourages many user groups such as pedestrians, cyclists, equestrians, cross-country skiers, people with disabilities, pets on leashes with their owners and people viewing wildlife to enjoy the trail. However, being a multi-use facility has potential to create user conflicts and challenges for the Trail Manager. It is important to consider safety, convenience, condition and amenities that appeal to all user types and abilities. The following should be considered at locations where various modes come together to reduce conflicts and improve safety and comfort levels for all users. In addition, the typical facility types on the following page should be noted as part of the inventory of existing pathway facilities and considered when making new connections to the trail.

### PEDESTRIANS

- Appropriate traffic control devices (signs vs. signals), detectable warning surfaces and traffic calming measures at trail/road intersections
- Pushbutton activated signalization where applicable
- Provide amenities like benches, public art, trash receptacles, public restrooms and drinking fountains (for both people and pets)

### CYCLISTS

- Appropriate trail/road intersection treatments like paved approaches and curb ramps
- Wayfinding signage with distance and direction to key destinations
- Provide amenities like bicycle parking, repair stations and air pumps at optimal locations
- Good trail surface quality and links to adjacent parks and connector trails
- Consideration given to the use and design of bollards and other barriers
- Provide a bike lane or wide paved shoulder along roadway connector routes

### EQUESTRIANS

- Ensure overhead vegetation is cut back (10 foot minimum clearance)
- Amenities like hitching posts, horse trailer parking, mounting blocks, water troughs and shaded corrals
- Links to nearby equestrian facilities using roadway connector routes with low traffic volumes and low speed limits
- Consideration given to the use, visibility and design of bollards and other barriers
- Promote proper manure removal/management from the trailway surface

### MOTORISTS

- Improve sight lines and visibility at trail/road intersections
- Properly placed warning signage and crosswalk markings
- Quality of the pavement surface at trail/road crossings
- Improve awareness of proper response to non-traditional traffic control devices such as pedestrian hybrid beacons and rectangular rapid flashing beacons

## Typical Trail + Pathway Facility Types



### SHARED USE PATH / TRAIL

- Multi-use pathways for both recreation and active transportation like walking, biking and horseback riding
- Generally separated from roadways by open space
- Two way travel



### SIDEPATH (ALSO KNOWN LOCALLY AS SAFETY PATH)

- Multi-use pathways that are generally located within a road right-of-way and are parallel to a road
- Separated from the roadway surface by green space
- Generally wider than sidewalks
- Curb cuts and driveways pose conflict points for users
- Two way travel



### SIDEWALK

- Pathways that are generally located within a road right-of-way and are parallel to a road
- Separated from the roadway surface by a curb or unpaved clear space
- Intended for use by pedestrians



### BIKE LANE

- A portion of a roadway which has been designated by striping, signing and pavement markings for the preferential or exclusive use of bicyclists
- Typically one way travel in the same direction as motor vehicles



### WIDE PAVED SHOULDER

- Provides space for pedestrians and cyclists but not marked for a specific use
- Occasionally used by delivery vehicles and disabled vehicles
- Generally 4-feet or wider

## Polly Ann Trail Jurisdiction + Ownership

In 1997, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) purchased the first segment of the former P.O. & N. Railroad right-of-way. The property purchased in Oakland County is generally 50 feet wide and extends from the centerline of Bordman Rd to the centerline of Indianwood Rd. The PATMC entered into a lease agreement in 1998 and committed to the development, management, operation and maintenance of the trail in partnership with the DNR.

In 2007, the DNR and PATMC worked with Koenig Sand & Gravel to relocate the trail through the property and received a recreational trail easement. The trail was moved approximately 750 feet south of the original railroad alignment and as a result runs parallel with Lakeville Rd (see Appendix F: Easements + Agreements for Koenig Easement document).

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) worked with the PATMC to construct a pedestrian bridge over M-24 in Downtown Oxford. When the trains were active, they would cross at grade in this location. In 2007, the pedestrian bridge was opened for trail users to cross the busy thoroughfare. MDOT has agreed to maintain the structural integrity of the pedestrian bridge. In 2018, the bridge was formally named the Larry Obrecht Bridge, paying tribute to the long-time trail advocate and first Polly Ann Trail manager.



*The bridge over M-24 in Downtown Oxford was formally named the Larry Obrecht Bridge on National Trails Day–June 2, 2018.*



*Polly Ann Trail champions pictured above from left to right: Jim Marleau, Frank Fountain and Larry Obrecht*



*Crowd on National Trails Day–June 2, 2018 at the bridge ceremony in Downtown Oxford.*

From Indianwood Rd south to Joslyn Rd, the trail route follows a sidepath and a short section of sidewalk. Orion Township is responsible for the maintenance of this section. The former railroad parcels south of Indianwood Rd were purchased by The Orion Express Railroad, Inc. circa 1987 and have been integrated into the “new” course at Indianwood Golf & Country Club.

The PATMC owns the parcels from Joslyn Rd to about 350’ south of Scripps Rd. These parcels were a donation from Stan Aldridge in 2002. The parcels from Scripps Rd south to the International Transmission Company (ITC) property are owned by Orion Township. The Township purchased these parcels from Grand Trunk Western Railroad in 2008. An easement was obtained from ITC to link the trail west from the railroad right-of-way about 775’ to the sidepath on the west side of Joslyn Rd.

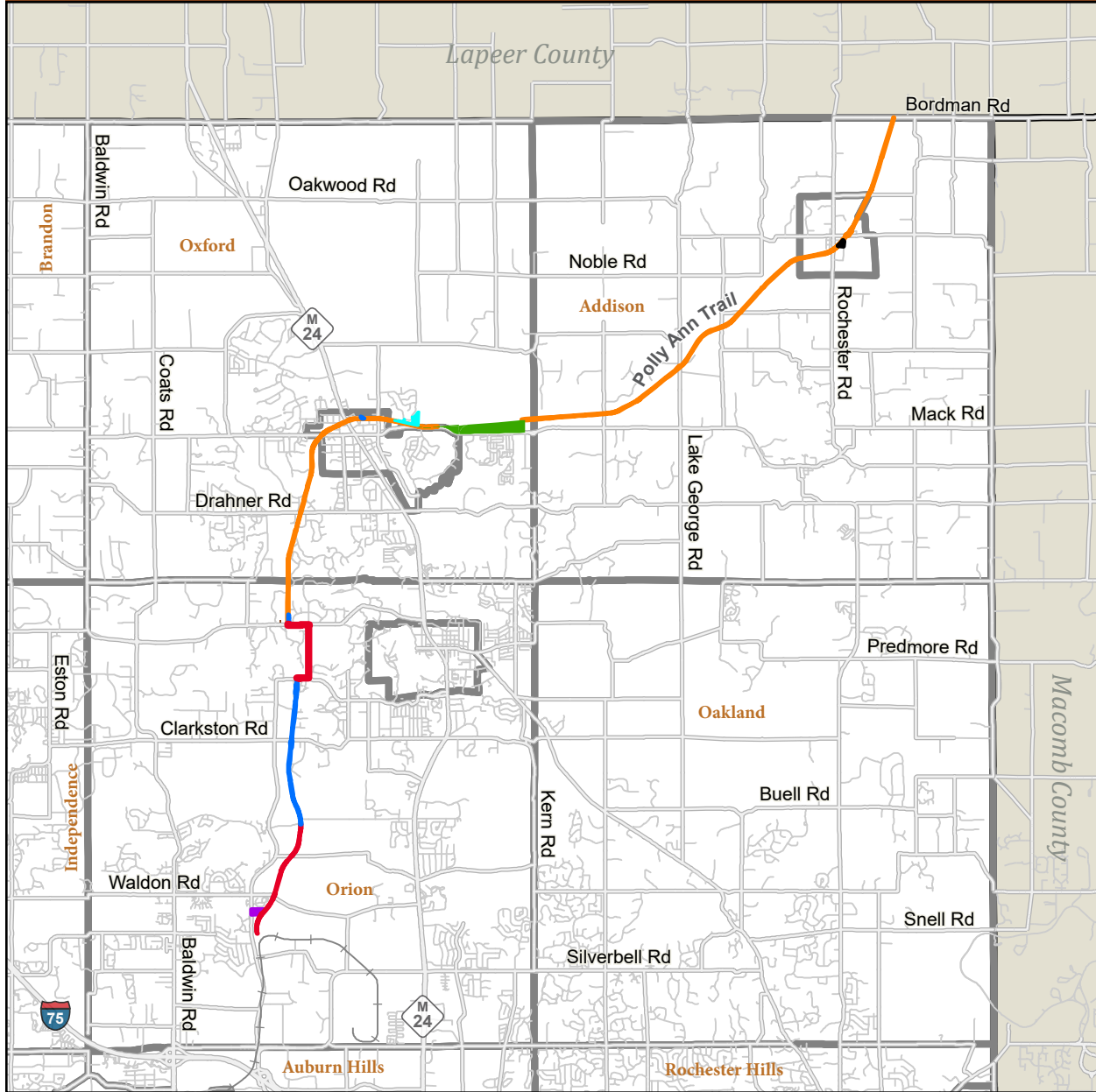
Orion Township has decided not to develop the ¼ mile of trail right-of-way south of the ITC corridor at this time. The status of the railroad tracks adjacent to the General Motors Orion Assembly Plant south to CN Railway remains active. There is a potential future trail connection to the Clinton River Trail in the City of Pontiac if the railroad were to be abandoned (see Figure 9 on page 27).

The following pages contain a map of the trail jurisdiction and a table of the parcels and owner names.



*Existing Polly Ann Trail crossing at Joslyn Rd. near the ITC transmission corridor.*

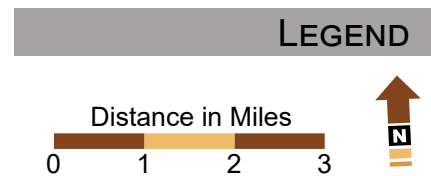
# FIGURE 4. POLLY ANN TRAIL JURISDICTION MAP



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Parcel Owner/Jurisdiction	Trail Length
State of Michigan	10.9 mi
Village of Leonard	NA
Koenig Sand & Gravel Co.	1.3 mi
143 Development Company Inc.	0.2 mi
Polly Ann Trailway Management Council	1.9 mi
Lakes of Indianwood Sub Assoc.	NA
Orion Township	2.5 mi
ITC Transmission Co.	0.1 mi

The map above illustrates the various owners for the property that makes up the 16.9-mile Polly Ann Trail in Oakland County.





### TABLE 3. POLLY ANN TRAIL JURISDICTION

Parcel ID #	Acreage	Type	Community	Parcel Owner Name
05-02-251-003	3.32 ac	Fee Simple	Township of Addison	Michigan Department of Treasury
05-02-326-004	3.14 ac	Fee Simple	Township of Addison	Michigan Department of Treasury
05-10-326-002	2.36 ac	Fee Simple	Township of Addison	Michigan Department of Treasury
05-15-102-003	1.56 ac	Fee Simple	Township of Addison	Michigan Department of Treasury
05-16-226-006	7.62 ac	Fee Simple	Township of Addison	Michigan Department of Treasury
05-19-326-013	5.60 ac	Fee Simple	Township of Addison	Michigan Department of Treasury
05-20-226-022	7.52 ac	Fee Simple	Township of Addison	Michigan Department of Treasury
05-21-101-002	1.60 ac	Fee Simple	Township of Addison	Michigan Department of Treasury
05-10-426-009	3.06 ac	Fee Simple	Village of Leonard	Michigan Department of Treasury
05-11-126-005	6.19 ac	Fee Simple	Village of Leonard	Michigan Department of Treasury
05-11-303-008	2.00 ac	Fee Simple	Village of Leonard	Village of Leonard
04-23-302-068	5.72 ac	Easement	Charter Township of Oxford	143 Development Company Inc
04-23-302-069	3.85 ac	Easement	Charter Township of Oxford	143 Development Company Inc
04-23-476-001	10.23 ac	Easement	Charter Township of Oxford	Koenig Sand & Gravel Co
04-23-476-004	1.88 ac	Easement	Charter Township of Oxford	Koenig Sand & Gravel Co
04-24-351-001	2.41 ac	Easement	Charter Township of Oxford	Koenig Sand & Gravel Co
04-24-451-001	75.57 ac	Easement	Charter Township of Oxford	Koenig Sand & Gravel Co
04-23-476-003	1.54 ac	Fee Simple	Charter Township of Oxford	Michigan Dept of Natural Resources
04-23-301-002	2.47 ac	Fee Simple	Charter Township of Oxford	Michigan Dept of Natural Resources
04-24-451-004	1.16 ac	Fee Simple	Charter Township of Oxford	Michigan Dept of Natural Resources
04-27-101-004	4.32 ac	Fee Simple	Charter Township of Oxford	Michigan Dept of Natural Resources
04-28-480-002	2.12 ac	Fee Simple	Charter Township of Oxford	Michigan Dept of Natural Resources
04-33-226-006	1.46 ac	Fee Simple	Charter Township of Oxford	Michigan Dept of Natural Resources
04-33-451-007	4.05 ac	Fee Simple	Charter Township of Oxford	Michigan Dept of Natural Resources
04-22-383-003	0.75 ac	Fee Simple	Village of Oxford	Michigan Dept of Natural Resources
04-22-458-006	0.38 ac	Fee Simple	Village of Oxford	Michigan Dept of Natural Resources
04-22-476-004	0.63 ac	Fee Simple	Village of Oxford	Michigan Dept of Natural Resources
04-23-351-003	0.73 ac	Fee Simple	Village of Oxford	Michigan Dept of Natural Resources
04-22-455-007	0.62 ac	Fee Simple	Village of Oxford	Michigan Dept of Natural Resources
04-22-385-022	1.36 ac	Fee Simple	Village of Oxford	Michigan Dept of Natural Resources
04-22-476-001	0.17 ac	Fee Simple	Village of Oxford	Polly Ann Trailway Mgt Council
09-28-126-003	6.25 ac	Lease 1016-10	Charter Township of Orion	ITC Transmission Co
09-04-201-006	3.49 ac	Fee Simple	Charter Township of Orion	Michigan Dept of Natural Resources
09-04-278-013	0.17 ac	Fee Simple	Charter Township of Orion	Polly Ann Trailway Mgt Council
09-04-278-015	0.20 ac	Fee Simple	Charter Township of Orion	Polly Ann Trailway Mgt Council
09-04-278-014	0.20 ac	Fee Simple	Charter Township of Orion	Polly Ann Trailway Mgt Council
09-16-426-002	3.24 ac	Fee Simple	Charter Township of Orion	Polly Ann Trailway Mgt Council
09-21-276-002	0.40 ac	Fee Simple	Charter Township of Orion	Polly Ann Trailway Mgt Council
09-16-226-002	3.79 ac	Fee Simple	Charter Township of Orion	Polly Ann Trailway Mgt Council
09-09-426-027	3.74 ac	Fee Simple	Charter Township of Orion	Polly Ann Trailway Mgt Council
09-09-226-016	2.87 ac	Fee Simple	Charter Township of Orion	Polly Ann Trailway Mgt Council
09-21-502-006	6.29 ac	Fee Simple	Charter Township of Orion	Orion Township
09-28-502-002	3.34 ac	Fee Simple	Charter Township of Orion	Orion Township
09-04-202-013	0.12 ac	Fee Simple	Charter Township of Orion	Orion Township
NA	NA	Road Right-of-Way	Charter Township of Orion	Road Commission for OC/Orion Township

## Trail Barrier Free Accessibility Rating

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) requires all areas of public service to have barrier-free accessibility, including recreation facilities, public rights-of-way and shared use paths. The Polly Ann Trailway Management Council continues to make improvements and is working towards bringing all trailway infrastructure and amenities up to full compliance with current ADA Accessibility Guidelines and the Architectural Barriers Act standards. Future trail development projects will consider Principals of Universal Design when possible. Accessibility guidelines and standards can be found at: [www.access-board.gov/guidelines-and-standards](http://www.access-board.gov/guidelines-and-standards).

The evaluation and inventory of the Polly Ann Trail was completed in the fall of 2020 and is based on the criteria below. The inventory and location map can be found on the following pages.

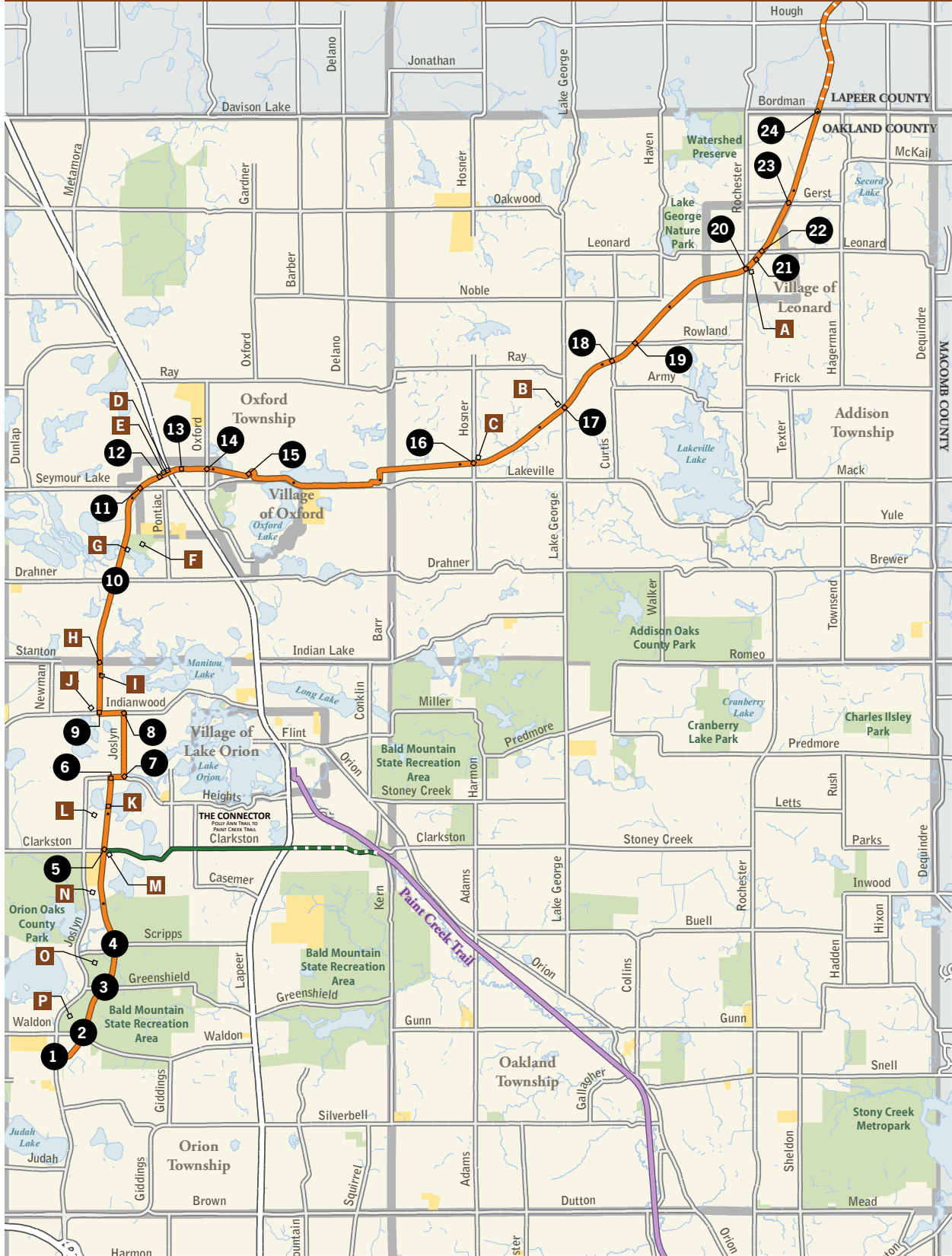


*New amenities are being added to the trailheads to improve user experience. The picnic table above has been installed on a concrete pad at the Water Depot Trailhead, however it is missing an access path to/from the trail. This is one example of a barrier free accessibility improvement needed along the trail.*

**TABLE 4. TRAIL BARRIER FREE ACCESSIBILITY RATING**

Rating	General Description
1	None of the site elements meet 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design.
2	Some of the site elements meet 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design.
3	Most of the site elements meet 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design.
4	All of the site elements meet 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design
5	The facility meets the Principals of Universal Design.

**FIGURE 5. AMENITY INVENTORY + EVALUATION LOCATION MAP**



## TABLE 5. AMENITY INVENTORY + EVALUATION

<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> <b>KEY</b>                      N/A – Not Applicable                      N – Natural Surface                      A – Asphalt Surface                      L – Crushed Limestone Surface                      C – Concrete Surface                      W – Wood Surface                 </div>		Connector to Trail	Slope & Cross Slope	Surface	Restrooms	Drinking Fountain	Picnic Table	Bike Repair Station	Location Map	Horse Trailer Parking	Accessible Parking	Notes
		Map ID	Name									
<b>Parking Areas/Bridges/Trail Amenities</b>												
<b>A</b>	Leonard Trailhead (30 spaces)	2	4	N	3	●	●	●	●	●	●	Horse corral available. (a.k.a. Leonard Yard)
<b>B</b>	Lake George Rd Trailhead (6+ spaces)	1	4	N	N/A		●		●			(a.k.a. Milk Run)
<b>C</b>	Hosner Road Parking (2 spaces)	2	4	N	N/A					●		(a.k.a. M&M Junction)
<b>D</b>	Larry Obrecht Bridge	N/A	4	C	N/A						N/A	Good condition. 2019 bridge inspection report
<b>E</b>	Pleasant Street Parking Lot (21 spaces)	4	4	A	N/A			●	●		●	Village of Oxford owns the parking lot.
<b>F</b>	Oxford Library/Powell Lake Park Trailhead	3	4	A	3	●					●	Restrooms/drinking fountain in Library. (a.k.a. Weigh Station)
<b>G</b>	Powell Lake Overlook	3	4	W	N/A						N/A	
<b>H</b>	Paint Creek Drain Bridge (a.k.a. James Lumber Bridge)	N/A	4	L	N/A						N/A	Bridge Inspection is needed.
<b>I</b>	Indian Trl Bridge	N/A	4	L	N/A						N/A	Bridge Inspection is needed.
<b>J</b>	Indianwood Road Parking (7 spaces)	2	4	N	N/A							(a.k.a. Indianwood Crossing)
<b>K</b>	Square Lake Bridge (North of Clarkston Rd)	N/A	4	L	N/A							Bridge Inspection is needed.
<b>L</b>	Orion Township Library Parking (7+ spaces)	3	4	A	4	●					●	Restrooms/drinking fountain inside Library
<b>M</b>	Clarkston Road Trailhead (13 spaces)	2	4	N	N/A	●	●	●	●			(a.k.a. Water Depot)
<b>N</b>	Orion Center Trailhead (34 spaces)	3	4	N	4	●			●			Restrooms/water in Orion Center; Improved path planned in 2021; Adult Fitness Station
<b>O</b>	New Orion Township Municipal Complex											Expected to be completed in late 2021
<b>P</b>	Orion Township Offices/ Civic Center Park	1	4	A	4			●	●			Restrooms at Sheardy Pavilion

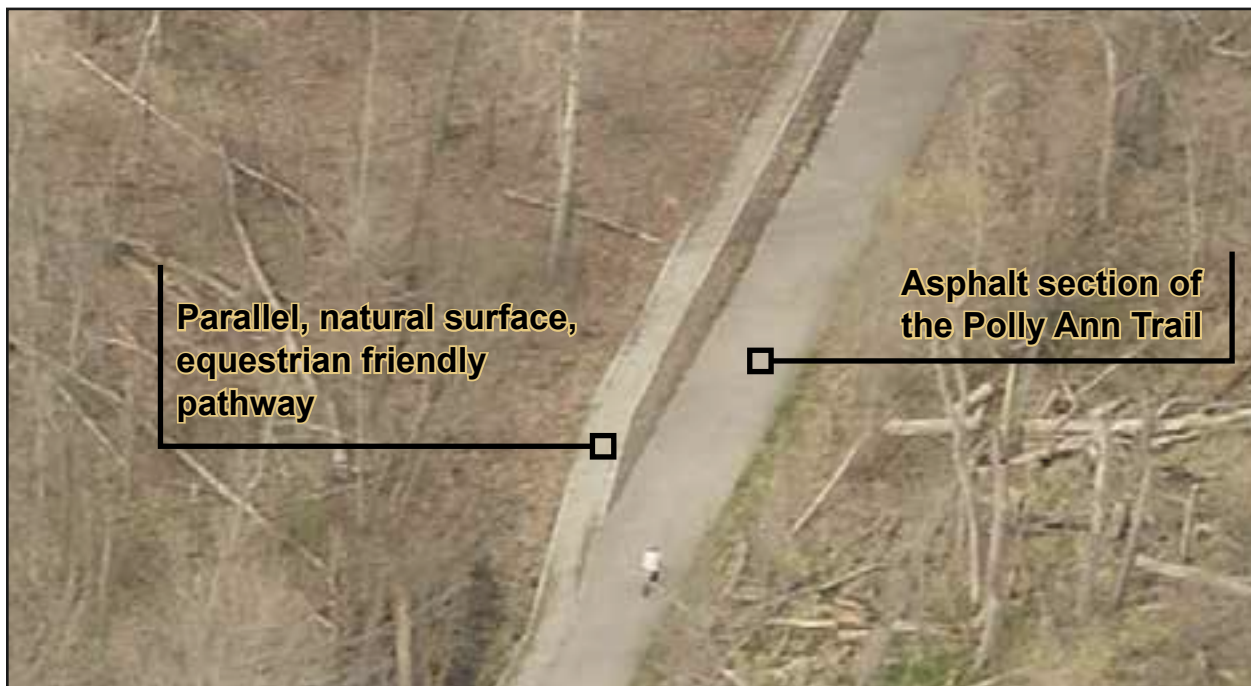
Map ID	Name	Stop Sign	No Motor Vehicle Sign	Location Map	Curb Ramp	Detectable Warning Strip	20' Min. Paved Approach	Crosswalk Markings	Traffic Control Device	Slope & Cross Slope	Surface	Notes
<b>KEY</b> N/A – Not Applicable A – Asphalt Surface L – Crushed Limestone Surface C – Concrete Surface R – Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon												
<b>Road/Trail Intersections</b>												
1	Joslyn Rd #1	●		●	●	●		●		4	L	Trail is a two-track; resurfacing needed.
2	Waldon Rd	●			●	●	●	●		4	L	Trail is a two-track; resurfacing needed.
3	Greenshield Rd	●				●		N/A		4	L	
4	Scripps Rd	●				●		N/A		4	L	
5	Clarkston Rd	●		●	●	●	●	●		4	L	Need additional signage & confidence markers along sidepath to Paint Creek Trail
6	Joslyn Rd #2	●		●	●	●	●	●		2	L/A	Sidewalk is 5' wide; needs to be widened. Add bike lane or wide shoulder on road.
7	Joslyn Rd #3				●	●	●	●		2	C	
8	Joslyn Rd #4				●	●	●	●		2	C/A	
9	Indianwood Rd (Indianwood Crossing)			●	●		●	●		2	L	Northbound stop sign is missing. Sidepath is 6'-8' wide and in poor condition; Add bike lane or wide shoulder on Indianwood Road."
10	Drahner Rd	●		●	●	●	●	●	R	3	A	Paved approach on north side of Drahner only
11	Burdick St	●		●	●	●	●	●	R	4	A	
12	Pleasant St	●		●	●		●	●		4	A	Bike repair station available
13	Louck St	●		●	●		●	●		4	A	Existing paved approach on west side of Louck
14	Glaspie St	●						●		4	L	
15	State St									4	L	W11-15 warning signs are not installed
16	Hosner Rd	●						N/A		4	L	Trail is a two-track; resurfacing needed.
17	Lake George Rd	●		●				N/A		4	L	Trail is a two-track; resurfacing needed.
18	Curtis Rd			●				N/A		4	L	Trail is a two-track; resurfacing needed.
19	Rowland Rd	●		●				N/A		4	L	Trail is a two-track; resurfacing needed.
20	Forest St	●		●	●		●			4	L/A	Trail is a two-track; resurfacing needed.
21	Baza St	●						N/A		4	L	Trail is a two-track; resurfacing needed.
22	Elmwood Ave	●		●	●	●	●	●		4	A	
23	Gerst Rd	●		●	●			N/A		4	L	Upgrade warning signs on the roadway to be retroreflective Bicycle/Pedestrian sign (W11-15).
24	Bordman Rd			●				N/A		4	L	Upgrade warning signs on the roadway to be retroreflective Bicycle/Pedestrian sign (W11-15).

## Polly Ann Trail Related Facilities + Hierarchy

The following pages contain examples of facilities and maps of the trail hierarchy that the Polly Ann associated with. It ranges from local municipal parks and pathways to regional trail connections all the way up to the larger cross-state destination trail.

### LEONARD EQUESTRIAN PATH

A parallel pathway extends for approximately 0.54-mile in the Village of Leonard between Elmwood Street and Gerst Road. This natural surface equestrian friendly pathway serves as an alternative to the paved asphalt section of the Polly Ann.



*Parallel equestrian friendly pathway north of Elmwood Street in the Village of Leonard.*

### CLARKSTON ROAD CONNECTOR

Orion Township has filled a gap between the Polly Ann and Paint Creek Trails. Construction is complete on the sidepath and boardwalks along Clarkston Road to link these two important regional trails. The final segment, east of Lapeer Road (M-24), was constructed in 2020. The bridge over the Paint Creek was named the 'Van Tassel Pedestrian Bridge' to honor the longtime dedication and public service that JoAnn Van Tassel, former supervisor, has provided to the Orion area.



*Clarkston Road Connector looking east.*

## LEONARD MILL

The Pontiac, Oxford & Port Austin Railroad was completed circa 1883, allowing Leonard to thrive almost overnight. With the help of the Leonard Grain Elevator, known locally as the Leonard Mill, agricultural and railroad heritage have had lasting impacts in this area for over 130 years. Communities in Southeast Michigan have been working for over 35 years to acquire abandoned railroads and convert them into scenic recreational corridors. These linear parks, like the Polly Ann Trail, connect neighborhoods, schools, downtowns, waterways, open space and cultural destinations.

The Leonard Mill is the tallest building in the Village and was constructed circa 1889. This timber-framed structure is adjacent to the Polly Ann Trail and has become a popular outdoor recreation spot. On occasion, opportunities arise to enhance the user's experience with additional amenities. The Village purchased the Leonard Mill in the spring of 2014 and has been working ever since to stabilize and renovate this community gem.

The Village of Leonard crossed a major milestone with the acquisition of the Mill and is working to create a one-of-a-kind place for the community and visitors. A vision has been created to save this historic landmark and create a place that people will come to see. The proposed Leonard Mill Renovation Project is a multi-phased community development project that includes:

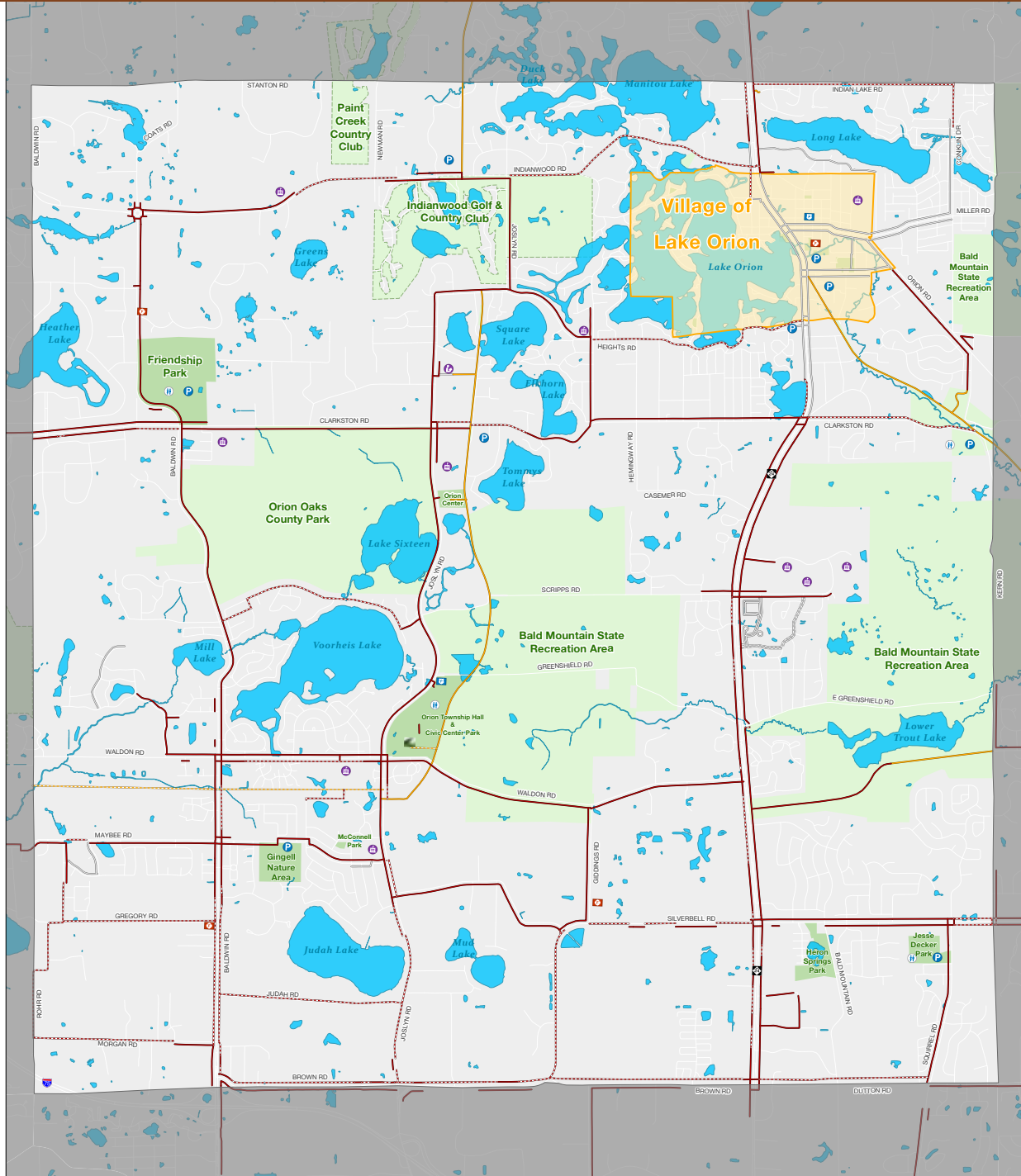
- Grain elevator preservation and adaptive reuse
- New building construction with trail related amenities
- Pocket park and pedestrian plaza

# *Save the* LEONARD MILL



*Vision for the historic Leonard Mill.*

# FIGURE 6. ORION TOWNSHIP SAFETY PATH MAP



**Places**

- Amphitheater
- Fire Station
- Free Parking
- Library
- Police Station
- School
- Toilet Facility

**Paths, Trails, and Sidewalks**

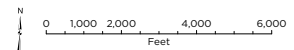
- Safety Path
- Proposed Safety Path
- Trail
- Proposed Trail
- Sidewalk
- Proposed Sidewalk

**Boundaries**

- Lakes & Rivers
- Township Boundary
- Golf Course
- State/County/Private Park
- Township Park

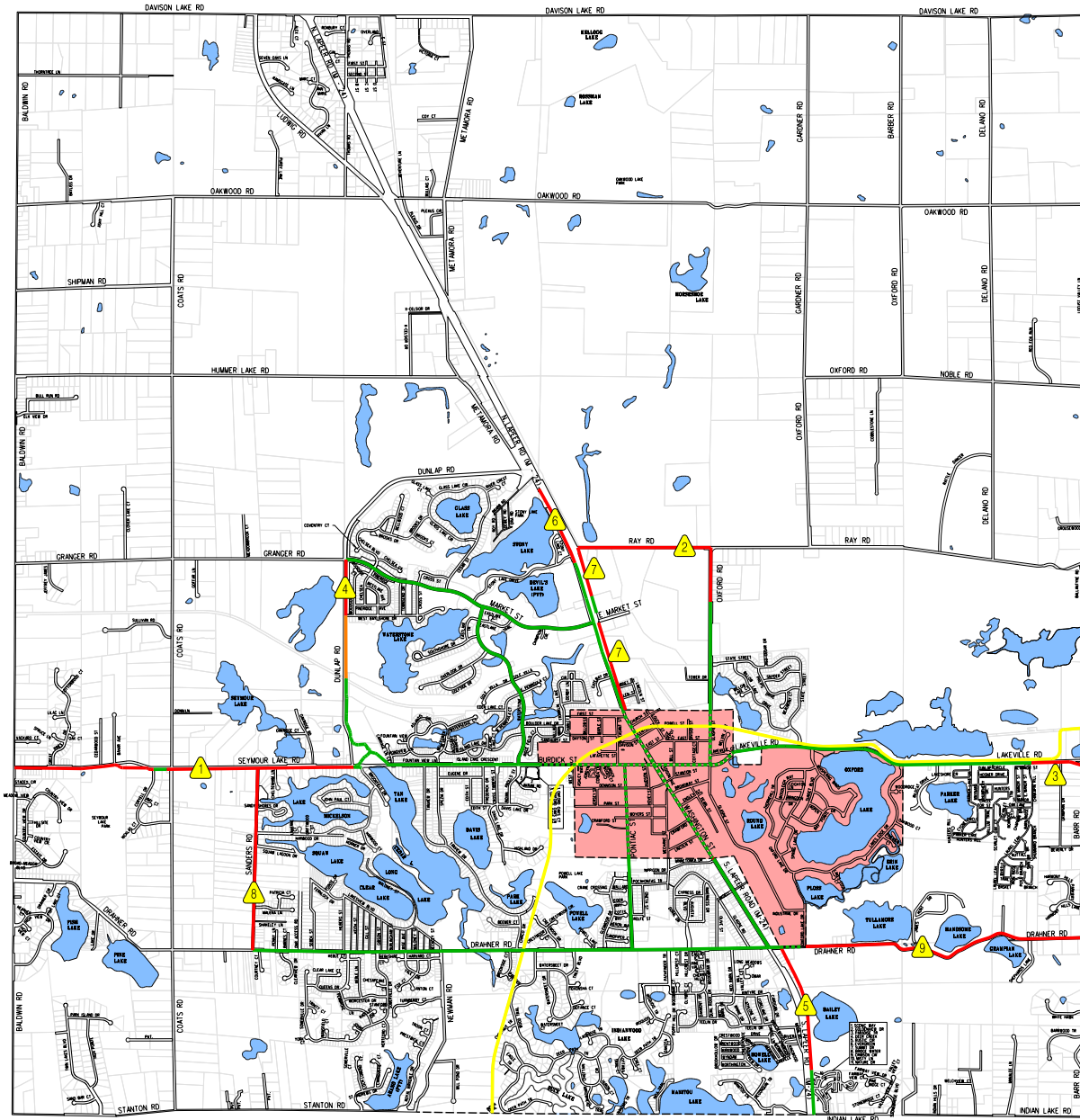
## SAFETY PATH MAP

Charter Township of Orion  
Oakland County, Michigan





# FIGURE 7. OXFORD TOWNSHIP SAFETY PATH MAP



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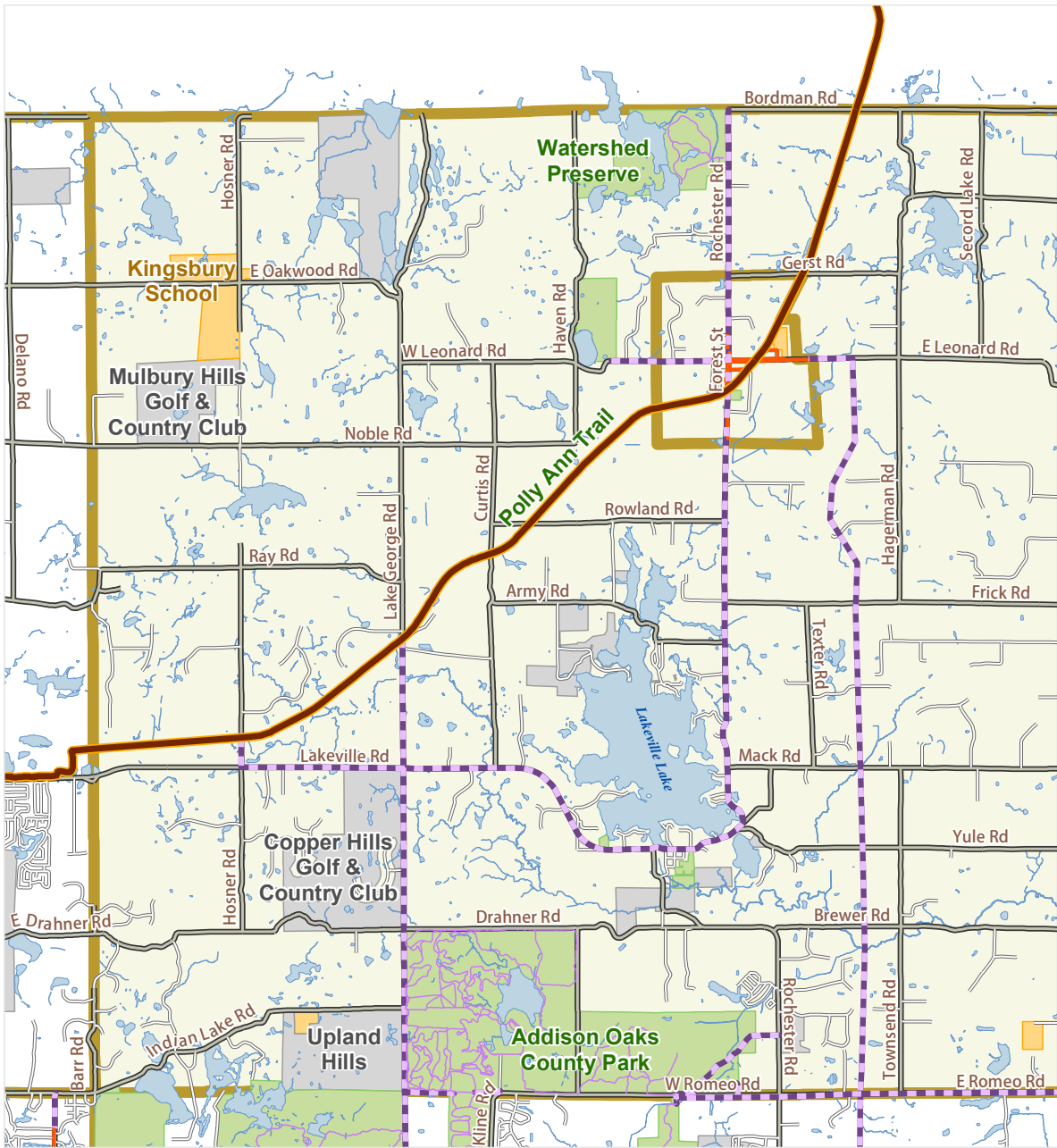
Priority	Start	Path Location (Order of Mileage)	Stop	End	Approximate Length
▲	Seymour Lake Rd	South	Franklin Rd	Ballwin Rd	1.317
▲	Ray Rd - Oxford Rd	South-West	Lupper Rd CM-245	Oxford Rd	1.000
▲	Lakeville Rd	South	Chickadee Rd	Rear Rd	1.000
▲	Franklin Rd	East	West Bay Blvd	Market St	1.000
▲	Lupper Rd CM-245	East	S. Franklin Rd	Seymour Lake Rd	1.000
▲	Lupper Rd CM-245	West	Lupper Rd CM-245	Franklin Rd	1.000
▲	Lupper Rd CM-245	East	Franklin Rd	Rear Rd	1.000
▲	Franklin Rd	East	Seymour L. Rd	Franklin Rd	1.000
▲	S. Franklin Rd	West	Chickadee Rd	Rear Rd	1.000

**LEGEND**

- EXISTING SAFETY PATH
- EXISTING VILLAGE SIDEWALK
- PROPOSED SAFETY PATH
- POLLY ANN TRAIL
- BY OTHERS
- PRIORITY

SCALE: 1" = 1500'


**FIGURE 8. ADDISON TOWNSHIP PARKS + PATHWAYS MAP**




  
**Oakland County Michigan**
  
 L. Brooks Patterson, County Executive



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 Building 41West
   
 Waterford, MI 48328-0412
   
 248.658.0720
   
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## Addison Township Parks & Pathways

Environmental Stewardship Program
 
  
 Oakland County Planning & Economic Development Services

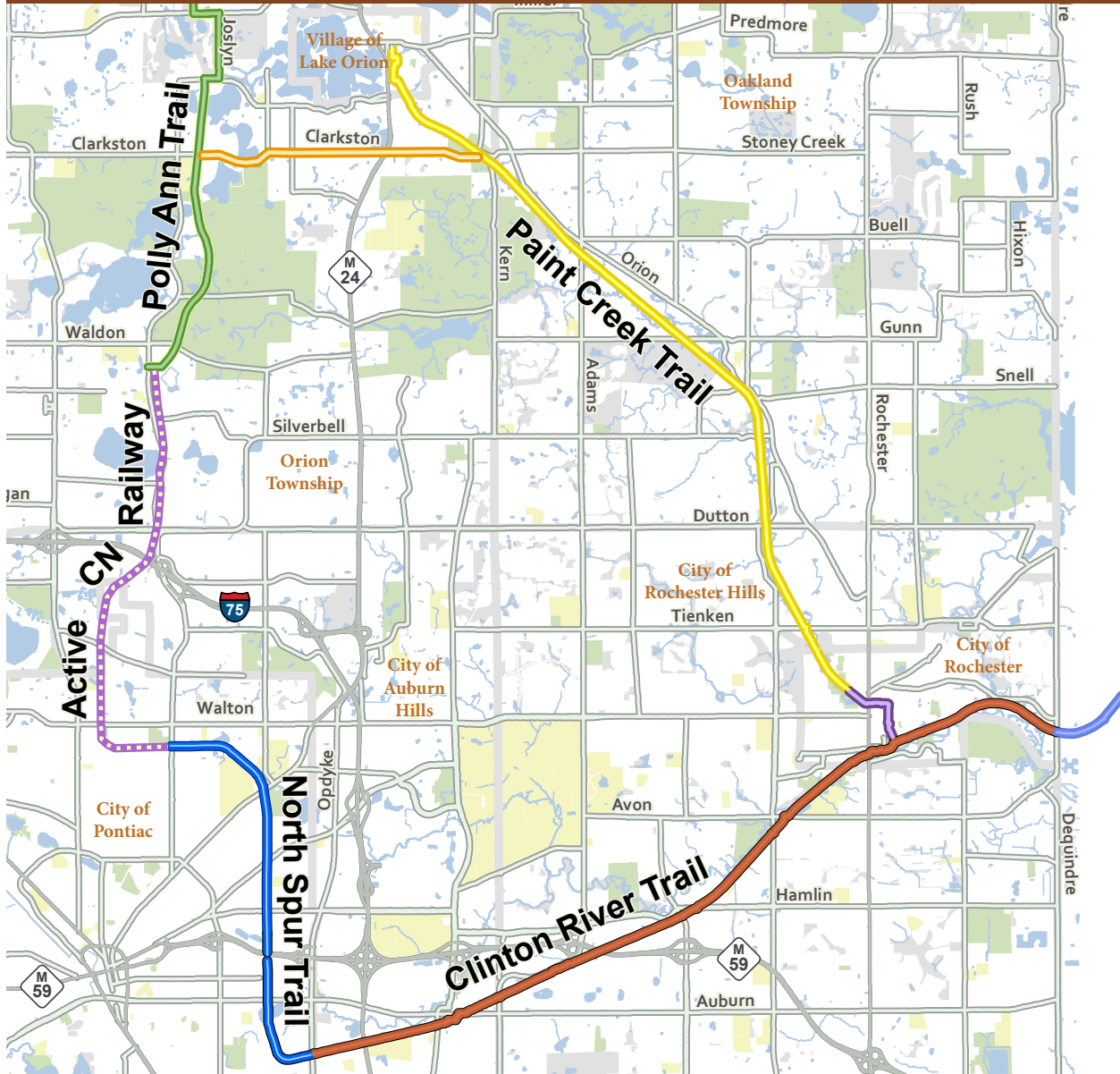
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-  Proposed Pathway
-  Existing Park Path
-  Existing Sidewalk
-  Existing Trail
-  Recreation Land
-  School
-  Private Recreation Land
-  Municipal Boundary



**FIGURE 9. 31-MILE LOOP TRAIL CONCEPT MAP**



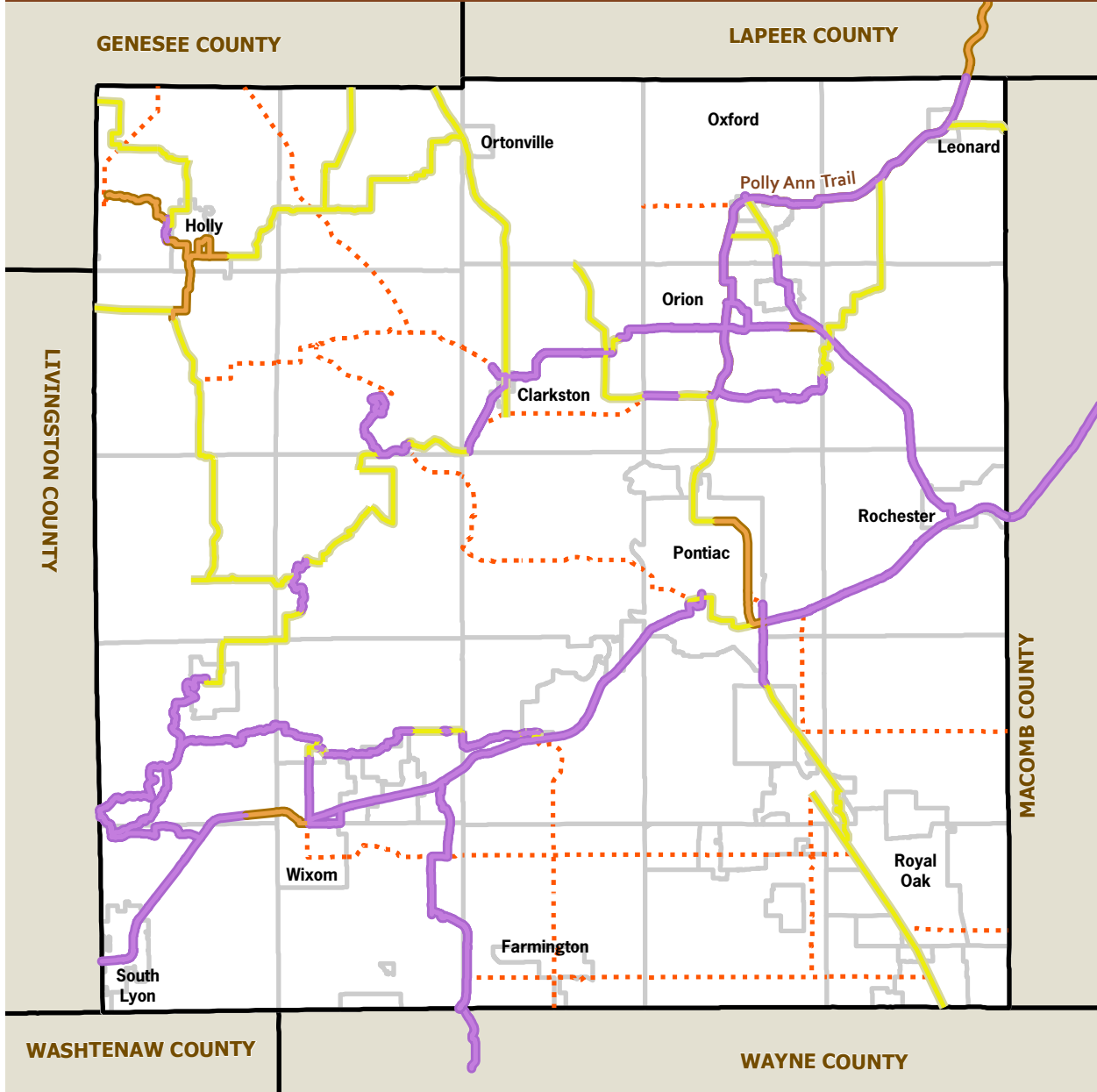
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By linking the southern section of the Polly Ann Trail, Clarkston Road Connector, Paint Creek Trail, Clinton River Trail and the North Spur Trail, a 31-mile loop system could be completed. This network would provide trail users with access to civic buildings, libraries, downtowns, Great Lakes Crossing mall, parks, schools, cider mills and other cultural destinations.

The following should be considered as next steps:

- Work with Pontiac, Auburn Hills, Orion Twp and citizens to gain support for the project
- Abandon CN Railway right-of-way through the Surface Transportation Board
- Contact property owners and negotiate property acquisition or easements
- Conduct environmental assessments
- Complete design engineering to current state and federal standards
- Seek funding to implement the project

# FIGURE 10. OAKLAND COUNTY PRIMARY PATHWAYS MAP

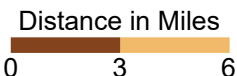


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The Oakland County Trail Network has been evolving for nearly 40 years. Today, there are over 10 major trails located in Oakland County and a number of user groups that help to support and maintain them. The county pathways system is comprised of a vision to link pathways and greenways throughout Oakland County and Southeastern Michigan. The county concept envisions a hierarchy of pathways. The primary corridors and secondary pathways will provide links to destinations and resources throughout the local communities.

## LEGEND

- Complete
- Design/Development
- Under Consideration
- ⋯ Under Review



**FIGURE 11. SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN REGIONAL TRAILS MAP**



There is a plan evolving across Michigan to connect the growing number of local trails into a system of cross-state, active transportation routes. Oakland County has several trails that provide important links for the Iron Belle Trail-Biking Route and the Great Lake to Lake Trail-Route 1.

**FIGURE 12. MICHIGAN'S DESTINATION TRAILS MAP**



### CONNECTING MICHIGAN

In 2012, former governor of Michigan Rick Snyder announced a plan for a hiking and biking trail that would extend from Detroit to Wisconsin. The resulting Iron Belle Trail (IBT) effort is being led by the DNR and staff members are working with trail organizations and local communities across the state to link and implement this destination trail. To date, the length of the hiking route is 1,259 miles and the biking route is 774 miles.

A portion of the Polly Ann Trail from Clarkston Road to Burdick Street has been designated as a segment of the Iron Belle Trail-Biking Route.

Another destination trail that traverses the state from east to west is the Great Lake to Lake Trail-Route 1, which extends from South Haven to Port Huron.



*Wayfinding signage has been installed at both Burdick and Clarkston roads.*

## Pure Michigan Trails + Trail Towns

Michigan is known as the “Trail State” and leads the nation in overall trail mileage. In 2019, the Polly Ann Trail in Oakland County was one of the first trails in the state to receive the Pure Michigan Trail designation. The Department of Natural Resources oversees this program and trails that are given this special designation are among the best in the state and provide:

- A quality trail experience
- Clear information for users
- Broad community support
- A sustainable business, maintenance and marketing plan

In addition, Orion Township was honored in 2020 and received the Pure Michigan Trail Town designation. This will have a direct impact on promoting outdoor recreation, local tourism, historic preservation, economic vitality and encouraging healthy and active lifestyles in and around the region. The network of linked trails and pathways located in Orion continues to expand. Residents and visitors to the area can travel along the Polly Ann and Paint Creek Trails and explore a variety of nearby amenities. Orion has made significant investments in both of these trails in addition to the Clarkston Road Connector path, which will provide a link between them.

Construction is nearly completed on the final segment of the Clarkston Road Connector east of M-24. Once completed, the Clarkston Road Connector will allow trail users to easily access Downtown Lake Orion, Bald Mountain State Recreation Area, camp sites at Camp Agawam and other points of interest located in the area.



*Polly Ann Trail Manager Linda Moran with Paul Yauk, DNR State Trails Coordinator at the Pure Michigan Trail Program Ceremony in 2019.*



*Orion Township was designated a Pure Michigan Trail Town in 2020. Orion Township representatives pictured above from left to right: Chris Barnett, Samantha Timko and Donni Steele.*

## Regional Recreation Facilities

There are a number of recreation facilities that have regional significance and are under the jurisdiction of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Huron Clinton Metropolitan Authority, Oakland County Parks & Recreation or local municipalities within the Polly Ann Trail service area. A brief description and listing of these facilities are provided below.

### STATE RECREATION AREAS

Several state operated recreation areas are located near the Polly Ann Trail. These large facilities offer a variety of activities, such as camping, fishing, hunting, mountain biking, horseback riding and canoeing/ kayaking to area residents. The following state recreation areas are located in close proximity to the PAT:

- Bald Mountain State Recreation Area
- Dodge #4 State Park
- Highland State Recreation Area
- Holly State Recreation Area
- Island Lake State Recreation Area
- Maybury State Park
- Ortonville State Recreation Area
- Pontiac Lake State Recreation Area
- Proud Lake State Recreation Area
- Seven Lakes State Park

### HURON-CLINTON METROPARKS

The Huron-Clinton Metropark system maintains numerous regional park facilities in Southeast Michigan. The closest Metroparks to the Polly Ann Trail include:

- Indian Springs Metropark
- Kensington Metropark
- Stony Creek Metropark

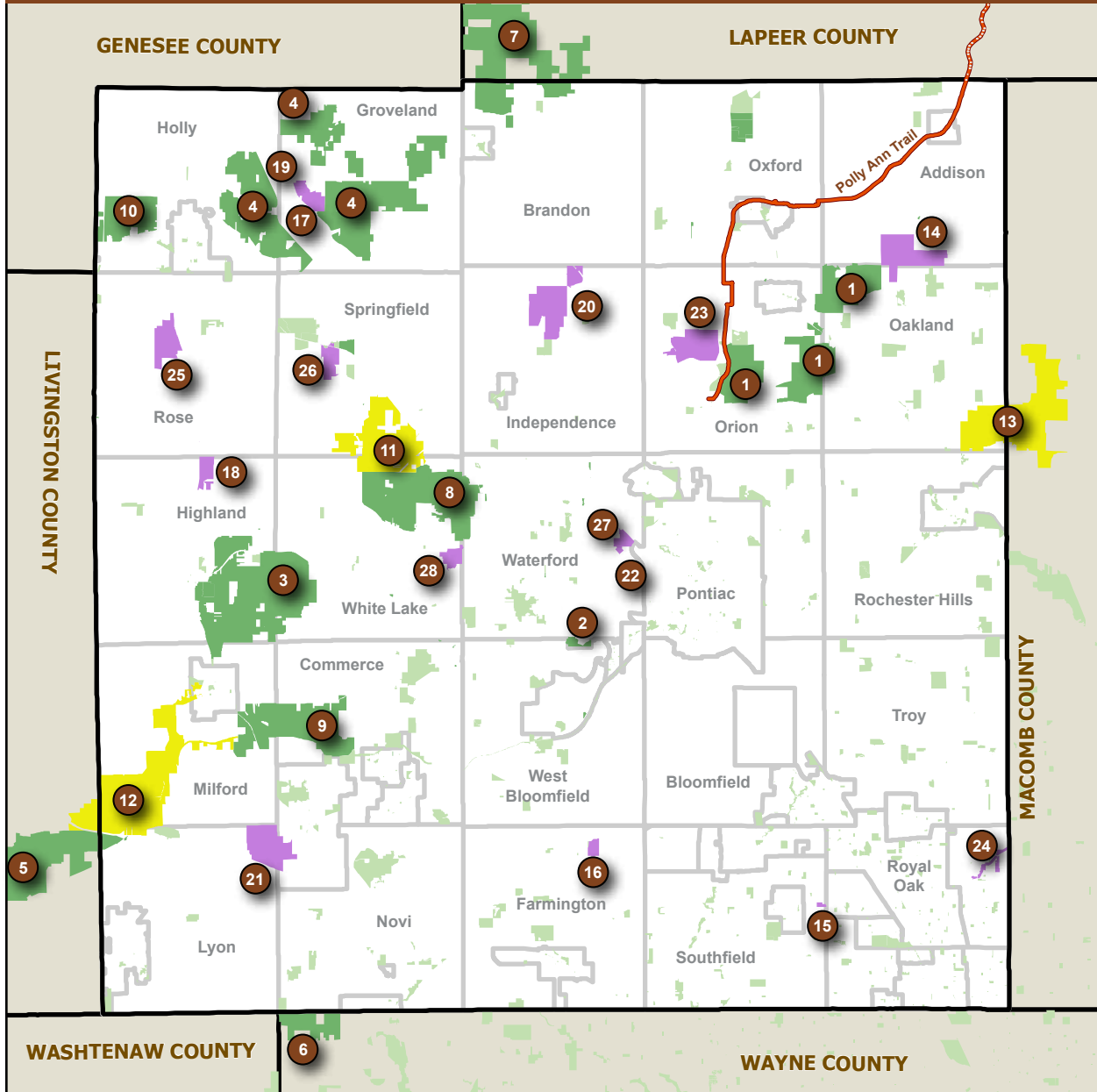
### OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

Oakland County Parks and Recreation operates 15 facilities that provide a variety of recreational opportunities and specialized facilities. The closest Oakland County Parks to the Polly Ann Trail are Orion Oaks and Addison Oaks. Oakland County Parks and Recreation Facilities include:

- Addison Oaks
- Catalpa Oaks
- Glen Oaks
- Groveland Oaks
- Highland Oaks
- Holly Oaks ORV Park  
(partnership with DNR)
- Independence Oaks
- Lyon Oaks
- Oakland County Farmers Market
- Orion Oaks
- Red Oaks
- Rose Oaks
- Springfield Oaks
- Waterford Oaks
- White Lake Oaks



# FIGURE 13. REGIONAL RECREATION FACILITIES MAP



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**State Recreation Area**

1. Bald Mountain State Recreation Area
2. Dodge #4 State Park
3. Highland State Recreation Area
4. Holly State Recreation Area
5. Island Lake State Recreation Area
6. Maybury State Park
7. Ortonville State Recreation Area
8. Pontiac Lake State Recreation Area
9. Proud Lake State Recreation Area
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**Huron-Clinton Metropark**

11. Indian Springs Metropark
12. Kensington Metropark
13. Stony Creek Metropark

**Oakland County Park**

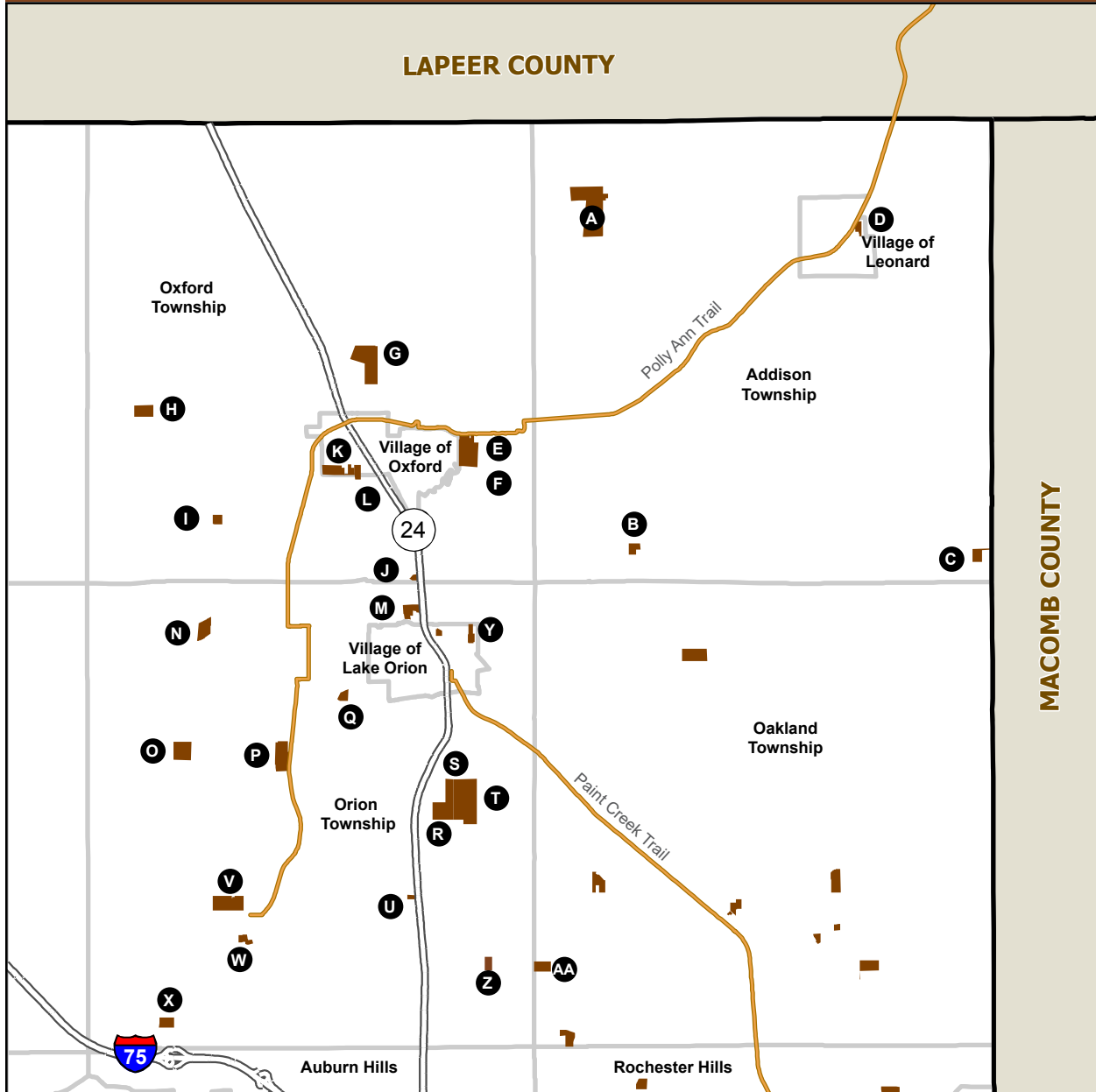
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16. Glen Oaks
17. Groveland Oaks
18. Highland Oaks
19. Holly Oaks ORV Park (partnership with DNR)

20. Independence Oaks

21. Lyon Oaks
22. Oakland County Farmers Market
23. Orion Oaks
24. Red Oaks
25. Rose Oaks
26. Springfield Oaks
27. Waterford Oaks
28. White Lake Oaks

**Municipal Parks**

**FIGURE 14. EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES MAP**




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### Educational Facilities

There are a number of educational facilities located on or near the Polly Ann Trail. The Safe Routes to School program (SRTS) encourages students and families to walk and ride their bikes to school. With transportation costs on the rise and funding for buses being cut, schools that participate in this program could consider utilizing the trail as a non-motorized connection from area neighborhoods to local schools. Orion Township has SRTS funding to improve pathways at 8 campuses in 2021.

### LEGEND

 Educational Facility

Distance in Miles  
 0 1 2 3



**TABLE 6. EDUCATIONAL FACILITY CHART**

Map No.	Name	Acres	Playground
<b>Addison Township Educational Facilities</b>			
A	Kingsbury School	125	●
B	Upland Hills School	12	●
C	Hamilton-Parsons Elementary	15	●
<b>Village of Leonard Educational Facilities</b>			
D	Leonard Elementary	9	●
<b>Oxford Township Educational Facilities</b>			
E	Lakeville Elementary	33	●
F	Oxford Middle School	30	●
G	Oxford High School	75	
H	Oxford Area Community Schools (Vacant)	24	
I	Clear Lake Elementary School	10	●
J	Oak Hollow Christian School	5	●
<b>Village of Oxford Educational Facilities</b>			
K	Oxford Elementary	23	●
L	Daniel Axford Elementary	9	●
<b>Orion Township Educational Facilities</b>			
M	St. Joseph School	20	●
N	Paint Creek Elementary	25	●
O	Webber Elementary	36	●
P	Orion Oaks Elementary	44	●
Q	Pine Tree Elementary & Early Childhood Center	10	●
R	Stadium Elementary	30	●
S	Scripps Middle School	30	
T	Lake Orion High School	113	
U	Divine Grace Lutheran School	4	●
V	Waldon Middle School	50	
W	Carpenter Elementary	10	●
X	Shalom Baptist School	16	●
Y	Blanche Sims Elementary School	12	●
Z	The Goddard School of Lake Orion	4	●
AA	Eagle Creek Academy	19	●

## Polly Ann Trail Grant History

The Polly Ann Trail has received a number of grants from federal, state and other public and private sources. The following information is a summary of the grant funding awarded for the acquisition, development and operation of the Polly Ann Trail.

**TABLE 7. POLLY ANN TRAIL GRANTS**

Funder Info	Purpose	Year	Amount	Project Description
MNRTF TF93-439	Acquisition	1993	\$600,000	Acquire 33-mile inactive railroad corridor for development as public trailway
ISTEA 199400157	Acquisition	1994	\$300,000	Polly Ann Trail Corridor Acquisition of inactive railroad right-of-way
MNRTF TF94-303	Acquisition	1994	\$750,000	Acquire land and rights in land, including inactive railroads and similar corridors, for development of long-distance trails. Polly-Ann, Interlochen to Kaleva, Mackinac to Hawks, Pere Marquette and Polly Ann Trail.
MNRTF TF95-312	Acquisition	1995	\$250,000	Acquire land and rights in land, including inactive railroad corridors, other corridors, and adjacent parcels for development of long-distance trails. Polly Ann Trail
Recreational Trails Program	Development	1998	\$10,000	Polly Ann Trail improvements
Daimler Chrysler Corporation Fund	Development	1999	\$250,000	Polly Ann Trail surfacing
TEA 21 200000016	Development	1999	\$1,794,786	Polly Ann Trail Project Abandoned railroad corridor conversion
GreenWays Initiative 2001-1141	Development	2001	\$240,000	Polly Ann Trail surface development and M-24 bridge construction
Michigander Grant (Rails- to-Trails)	Development	2002	\$3,000	Leonard Equestrian Trailhead Development
DALMAC	Development	2004	\$9,000	Polly Ann Trail trail spur to Orion Township Public Library

Funder Info	Purpose	Year	Amount	Project Description
GreenWays Initiative	Development	2006	\$75,000	Polly Ann Trail resurface extension
SAFETEA-LU	Development	2008	\$294,463	Polly Ann Trail Extension Project Construct and resurface a trail within a railway and utility corridor
MNRTF TF10-051	Acquisition	2010	\$22,500	Acquisition of 0.28 acres of property that is adjacent to the Polly Ann Trail
Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant	Development	2010	\$50,000	Install Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon Signs
Brooksie Way Mini Grant	Promotion	2011	\$500	Promotion of the Rural Pearl of a Ride
Iron Belle Trail Mini Grant	Development	2016	\$12,410	Construction and installation of 2 wayfinding signs. Clarkston Rd in Orion Township and Burdick St in the Village of Oxford
Environmental Wood Solutions	Development	2017	\$3,980 cash \$1,020 in kind	Clarkston Road trailhead parking lot, clearing and development
Schneider Electric/Square D	Maintenance	2018	\$6,500	Cash donation based on volunteer hours of employees
DTE Energy Foundation	Development	2018	\$409.98	Tree planting program for (2) apple trees (2) maple trees installed at 37 Powell Street
Iron Belle Trail Mini Grant	Development	2019	\$3,100	Purchase and install a Bike Fix-It Station at Clarkston Road Trailhead in Orion Township
Schneider Electric/Square D	Maintenance	2019	\$8,500	Cash donation based on volunteer hours of employees
General Motors	Maintenance	2019	\$500	Cash donation based on volunteer hours of employees
Schneider Electric/Square D	Maintenance	2020	\$9,000	Cash donation based on volunteer hours of employees
Oakland Together Cultural Institution Grant	COVID-19	2020	\$20,000	Funding to assist non-profits to retain jobs, services and programming during the COVID-19 Pandemic

List of Abbreviations:

MNRTF - Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund

ISTEA - Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (federal)

TEA 21 - Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (federal)

DALMAC - Dick Allen Lansing to MACKinaw Bicycle Tour

SAFETEA-LU - Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (federal)

## Electric Bicycles

By definition, an electric bicycle (e-bike) is a device upon which an individual may ride that is equipped with:

- a seat or saddle for use by the rider
- fully operational pedals for human propulsion
- an electric motor of not greater than 750 watts, or 1 horsepower

E-bikes are separated into three classes based on several attributes of the bike and all e-bikes are required to have a label visible indicating their class. The three classes of e-bikes are:

- **Class 1:** An e-bicycle that is equipped with an electric motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that disengages or ceases to function when the e-bicycle reaches a speed of 20 miles per hour.
- **Class 2:** An e-bicycle that is equipped with a motor that propels the electric bicycle to a speed of no more than 20 miles per hour, whether the rider is pedaling or not, and that disengages or ceases to function when the brakes are applied or the throttle is released.
- **Class 3:** An e-bicycle that is equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that disengages or ceases to function when the e-bicycle reaches a speed of 28 miles per hour.

Public Acts 138, 139 and 140 of 2017 authorize the use of electric bicycles in Michigan, subject to the limitations within it. The law took effect January 28, 2018. Class-1 e-bikes are permitted in Michigan on linear trails with an improved surface (asphalt, crushed stone, concrete, etc.), which includes the Polly Ann Trail. E-bikes are not permitted on natural surface trails (hiking or mountain bike) unless they are posted open to e-bike use by the trail managing authority. E-bikes are also permitted on all public roadways and bike lanes in Michigan. Class 2 and 3 e-bikes are not permitted on any trails in Michigan unless the trail authority permits it.



*E-bikes come in a variety of sizes and types.*



*Example of Class 1 manufacturer label.*



### Community Resource Inventory

Northeast Oakland County is rich in natural resources, scenic vistas, and diverse land use characteristics. The topography of this area has an impact on the trail. At the southern end of the trail, the elevation is 1,022' above sea level. The mid section of the trail rises to 1,072' and drops off to 986' at the Lapeer/Oakland County boarder. A number of lakes and streams can be seen from the trail and a few of them provide fishing opportunities. The land cover and surrounding land uses provide a scenic and rustic backdrop along the trail. Fortunately, the soils along the trail are well drained and the corridor is generally elevated and out of the floodplain. The following pages provide a brief description and inventory of the ecological, social and community health related factors that have an impact on the Polly Ann Trail and its users.

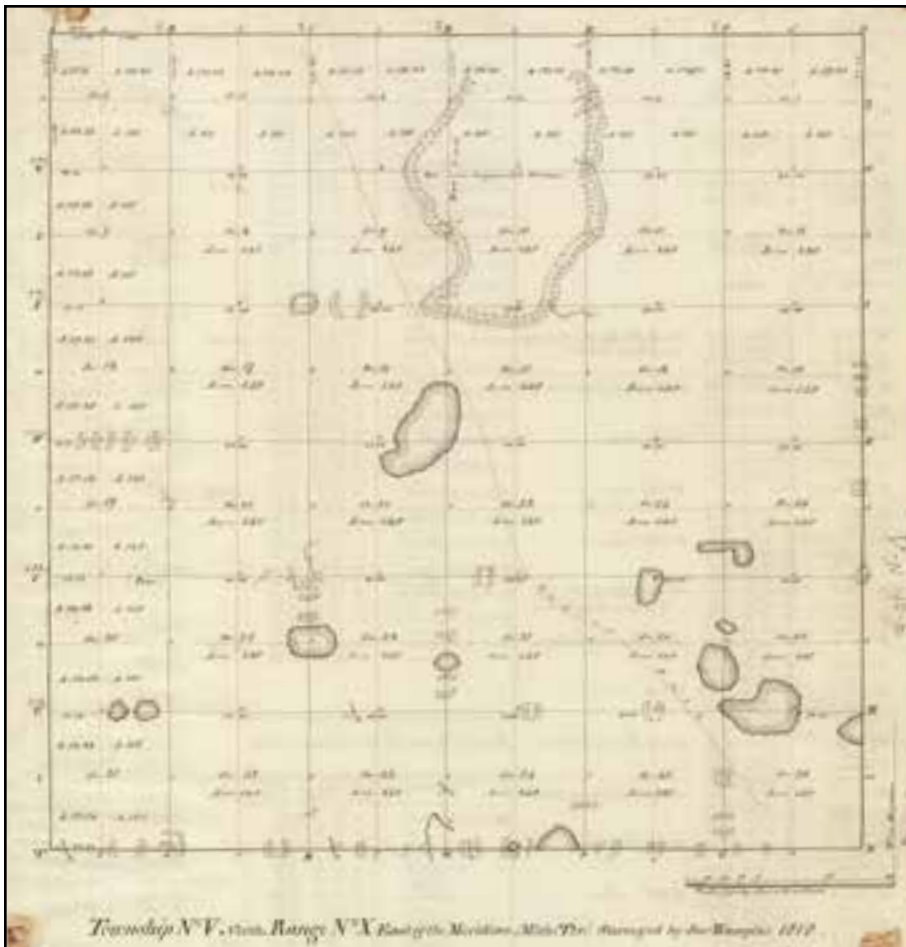
- **Vegetation Circa 1800:** land cover information from surveyor notes as it appeared prior to wide-spread European settlement
- **2017 MNFI Potential Natural Areas:** high quality and ecologically significant places often times containing native vegetation and natural features
- **2009 Green Infrastructure Vision:** the natural network of connected open space, waterways and natural areas that cover the landscape
- **2019 Invasive Plant Species Inventory:** survey of the type, location and abundance of invasive plants along the trail that can be used for making informed management decisions
- **Water Resources:** riparian features in the area that include wetlands, lakes, rivers, streams, ponds and watersheds
- **2019 Land Use:** parcels in the area that have residential, commercial, industrial, public, recreational or agricultural uses
- **ESRI Tapestry:** Information related to demographics and socioeconomic characteristics that analyze lifestyle choices of neighborhoods
- **Social Determinants of Health:** conditions in the environment that have an impact on a range of health and quality-of-life outcomes

## Vegetation Circa 1800

The map on the following page is an interpretation of the notes and survey conducted by the General Land Office (GLO). The GLO was a federal agency established in 1785 and was responsible for surveying, platting and the sale of public lands in the United States. In Michigan, the GLO systematically surveyed the state using the Public Land Survey System (PLSS) between 1816 and 1856. The PLSS is the method used in Michigan to survey and identify land parcels, particularly for titles and deeds of rural, wild, or undeveloped land. It is sometimes referred to as the rectangular survey system.

Northeastern Oakland County was first surveyed circa 1818 and detailed notes were taken on the location, size and species of each tree used to mark section lines and section corners. Surveyors also noted the locations of rivers, lakes, wetlands and Native American paths.

The Michigan Natural Features Inventory developed a methodology to translate the notes and GLO surveys into a digital map. This information can be used to determine the vegetation and land cover types that existed prior to European settlement and can be used as a reference when selecting plant material to reestablish native vegetation along the Polly Ann Trail.

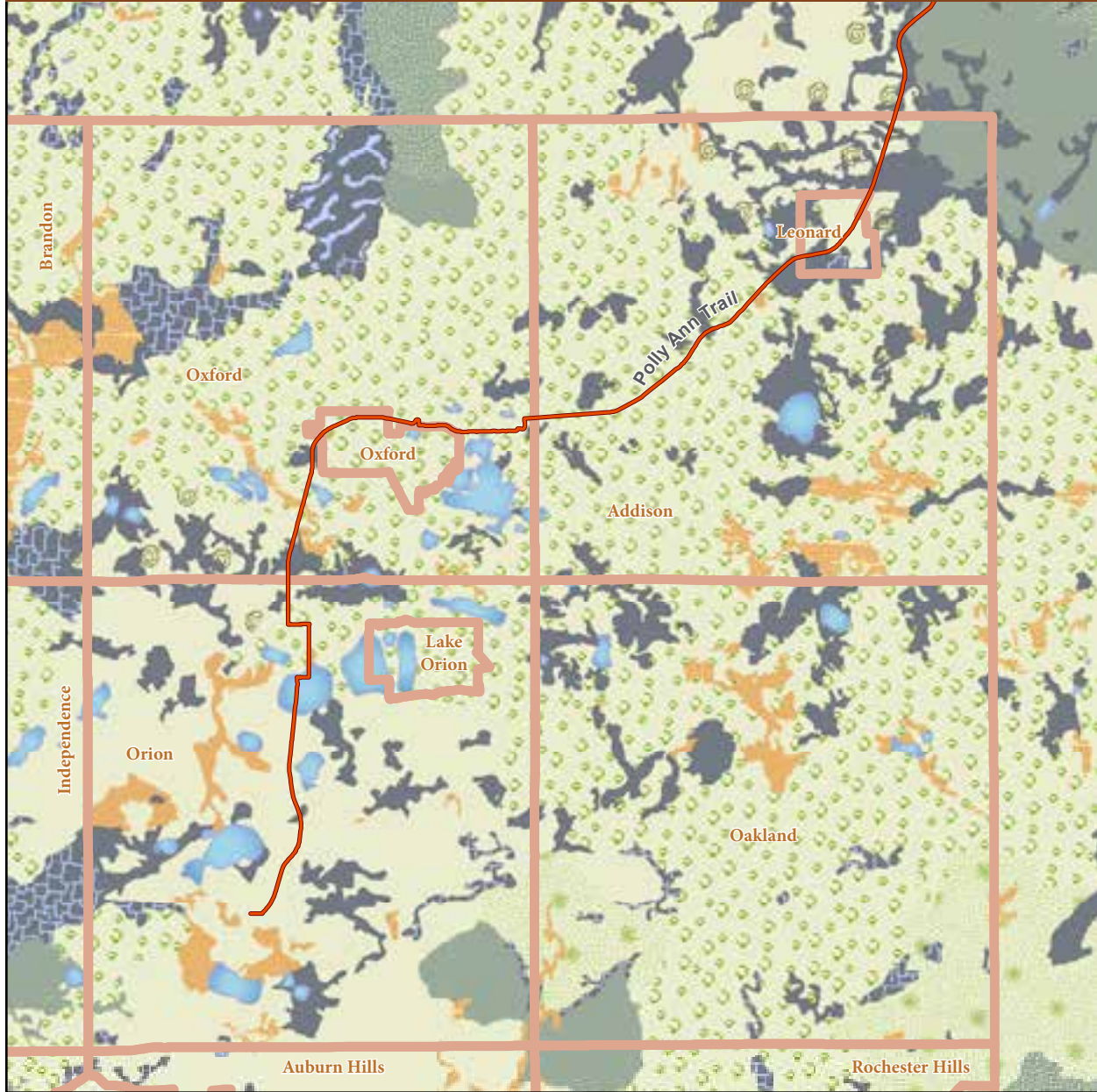


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survey for:**

**Township 5 North,  
Range 10 East  
(Oxford)**



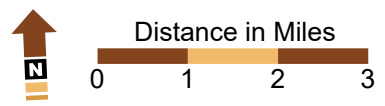
# FIGURE 15. VEGETATION CIRCA 1800 MAP



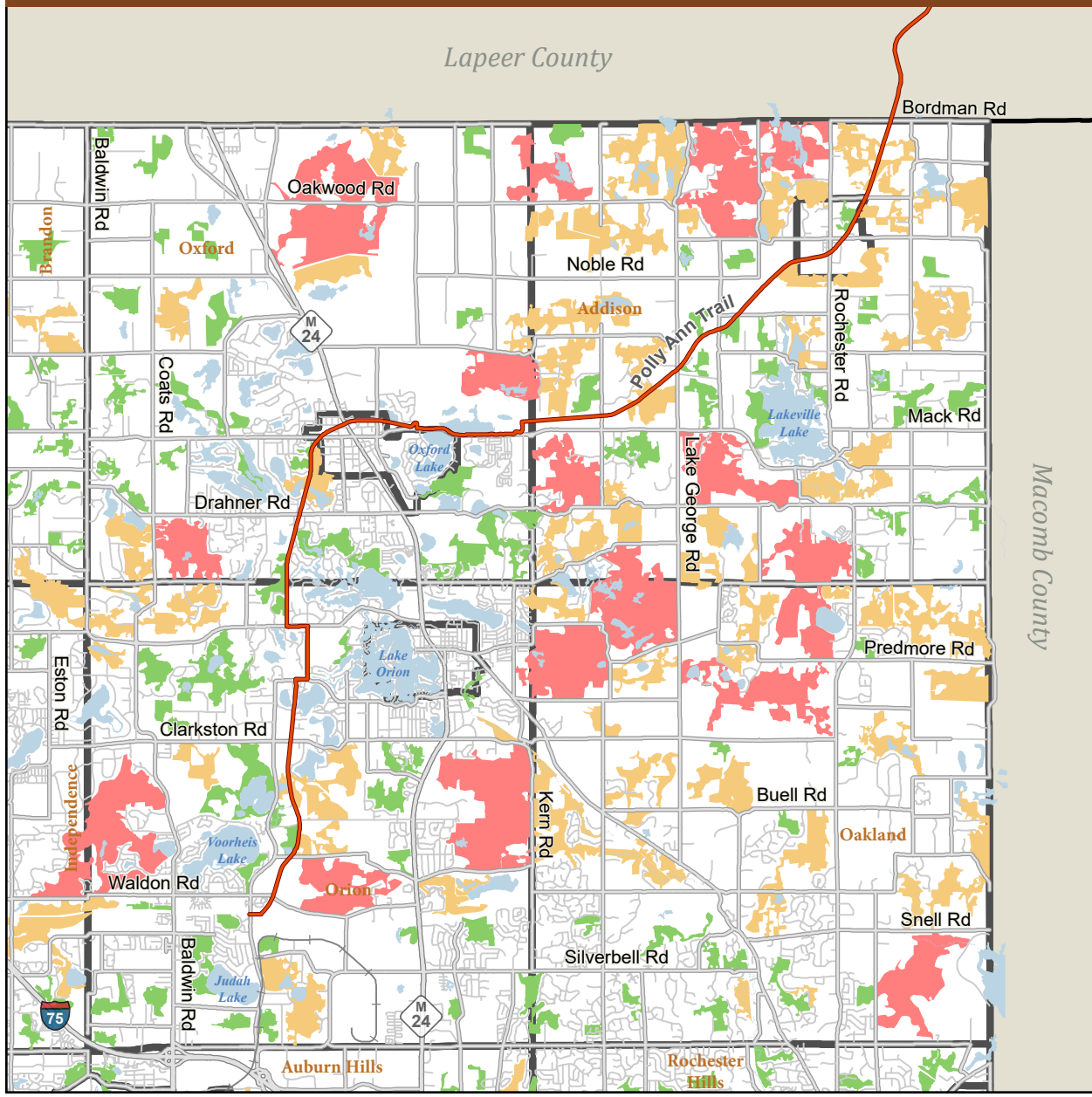
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## LEGEND

Polly Ann Trail	<b>Upland Forested</b>	<b>Forested Wetland</b>
Municipal Boundary	Oak-Hickory Forest	Mixed Conifer Swamp
Lake (As Surveyed)	Spruce-Fir-Cedar Forest	Mixed Hardwood Swamp
<b>Upland Non-Forested</b>	Beech-Sugar Maple Forest	Cedar Swamp
Mixed Oak Savanna	<b>Non-Forested Wetland</b>	
Oak/Pine Barren	Shrub Swamp/Emergent Marsh	
Black Oak Barren	Wet Prairie	
Mixed Oak Forest		



**FIGURE 16. 2017 MNFI POTENTIAL NATURAL AREAS MAP**



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In 2017, the Oakland County Department of Economic Development & Community Affairs worked with the Michigan Natural Features Inventory (MNFI) to update the countywide potential natural areas information. This information can assist local communities to improve natural resource-based decision making and builds upon previous Potential Natural Area Assessments in Oakland County (2000, 2002 and 2004).

MNFI has defined potential natural areas as places on the landscape dominated by native vegetation that have various levels of potential for harboring high quality natural areas and unique natural features.

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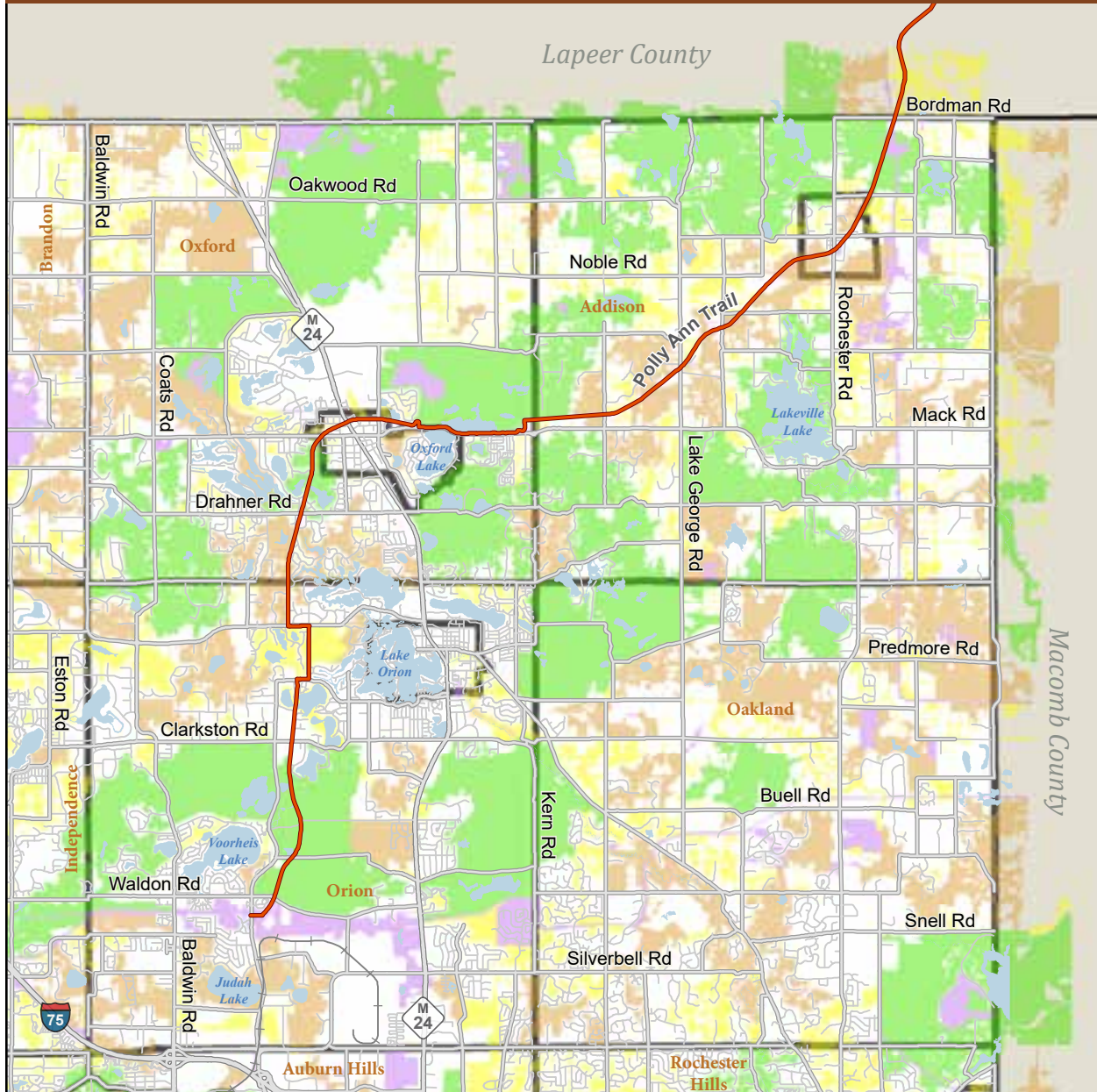
**MNFI Potential Natural Area**

- Priority One
- Priority Two
- Priority Three
- Lakes or River

Distance in Miles

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# FIGURE 17. 2009 GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE VISION MAP



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The Green Infrastructure Vision focuses on identifying an interconnected network of green space that conserves natural ecosystem values and functions, guides sustainable development and provides associated economic and quality-of-life benefits to communities. Features include:

- **Hubs** anchor the network and provide an origin or destination for wildlife.
- **Sites** are smaller ecological landscape features that can serve as a point of origin or destination.
- **Links** are the connections that hold the network together and facilitate movement from one hub to another.

## LEGEND

- Green Infrastructure**
- Hub
  - Site
  - Link
  - Other Restoration Link



## Invasive Species

In 2019, the PATMC worked with staff from the Oakland County Collaborative Invasive Species Management Area (CISMA) to conduct an inventory of invasive plant species along the Polly Ann Trail. An invasive species is one that is not native and its introduction into an area causes, or is likely to cause, harm to the local economy, environment or human health. CISMA is working collaboratively with over 40 communities and partners across Oakland County that are seeking to support functioning ecosystems and enhance the quality of life through invasive species management through prevention and education, early detection and rapid response, and collaborative long-term management.

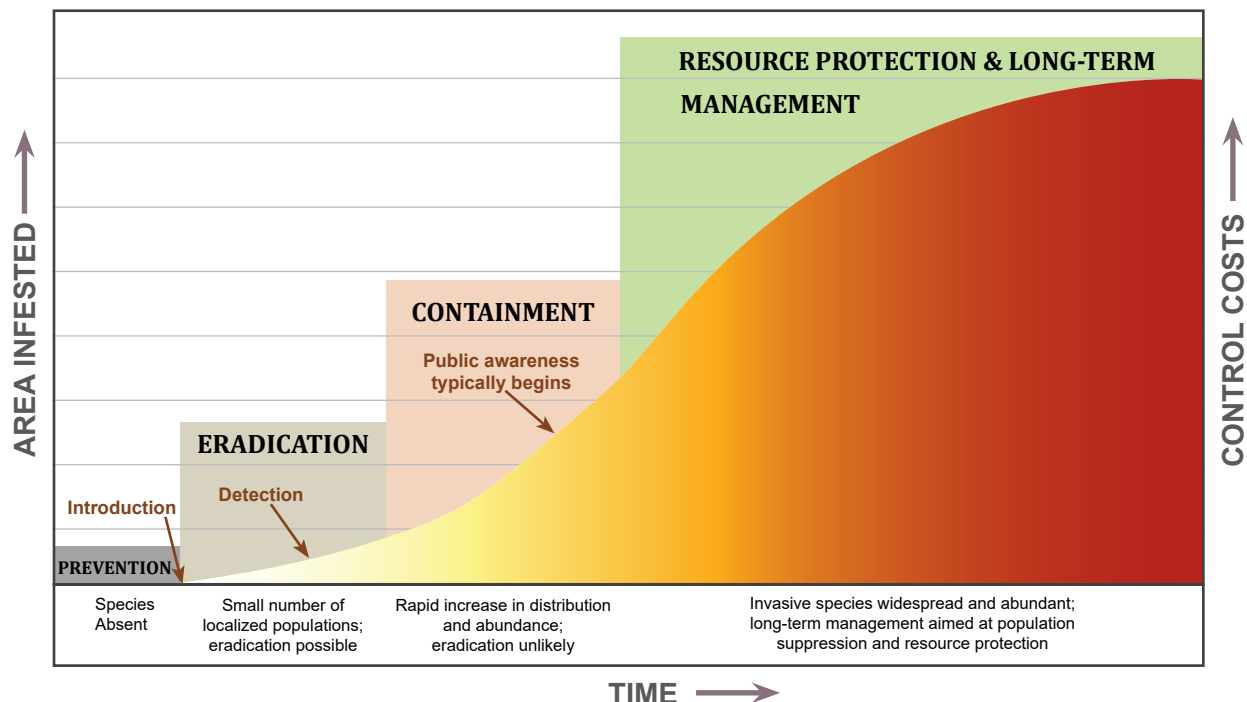
- Have few natural competitors and harm native plants
- Change the soil chemistry that create monocultures and crowd out native plants
- Cause unbalanced ecosystems
- Harm wildlife
- Limit public access to waterways and recreation



*Goats have been used for conservation grazing on the Polly Ann Trail to reduce invasive species.*

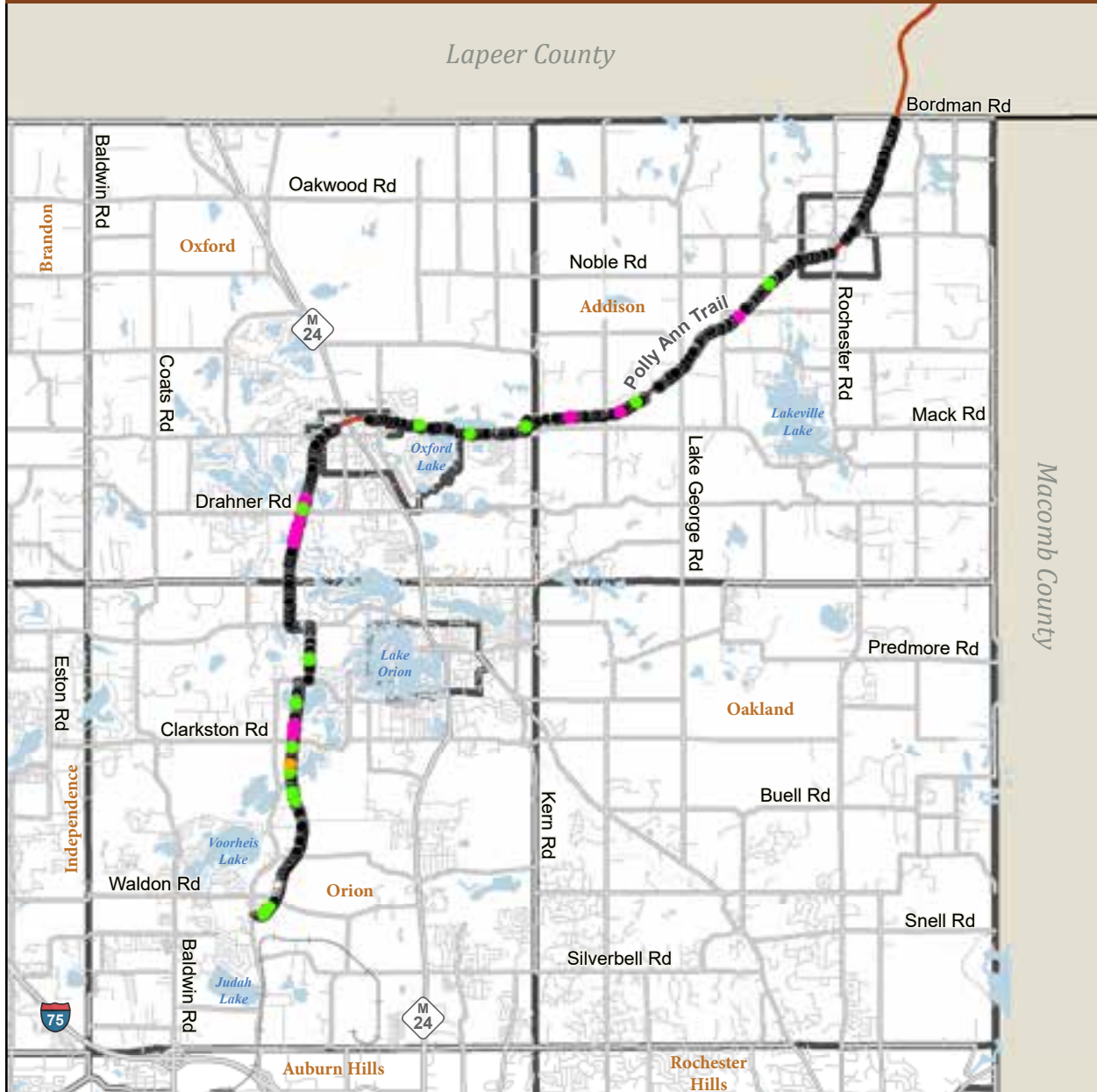
Invasive plants can:

- Damage infrastructure
- Create safety and fire hazards



*Typical Species Invasion Curve. Early detection limits cost of invasive species management.*

# FIGURE 18. 2019 INVASIVE PLANT SPECIES INVENTORY MAP



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## LEGEND

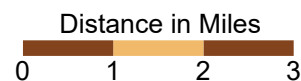
### ● Other

- Autumn Olive
- Black Locust
- Buckthorn (Common + Glossy)
- Dame's Rocket
- Garlic Mustard
- Honeysuckles
- Japanese Barberry
- Multiflora Rose
- Oriental Bittersweet
- Purple Loosestrife
- Spotted Knapweed

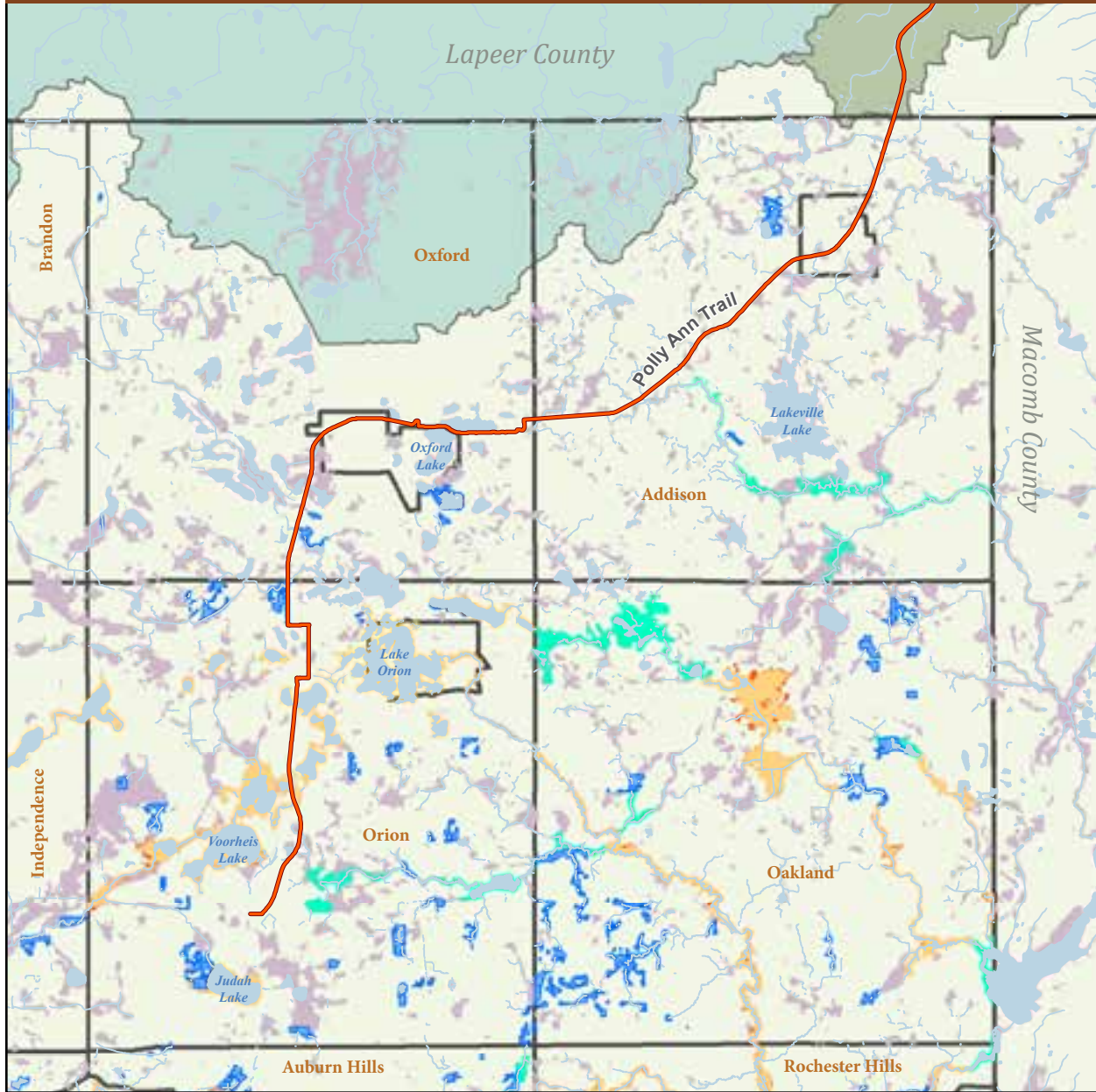
● Swallowwort (Black + Pale)

● Japanese Knotweed

● Phragmites (common reed)



# FIGURE 19. WATER RESOURCES MAP



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The Polly Ann Trail is in the Clinton River Watershed and there are a number of lakes, ponds, small wetland complexes and tributaries adjacent to the trail. These features provide scenic vistas for trail users and opportunities to view wildlife.

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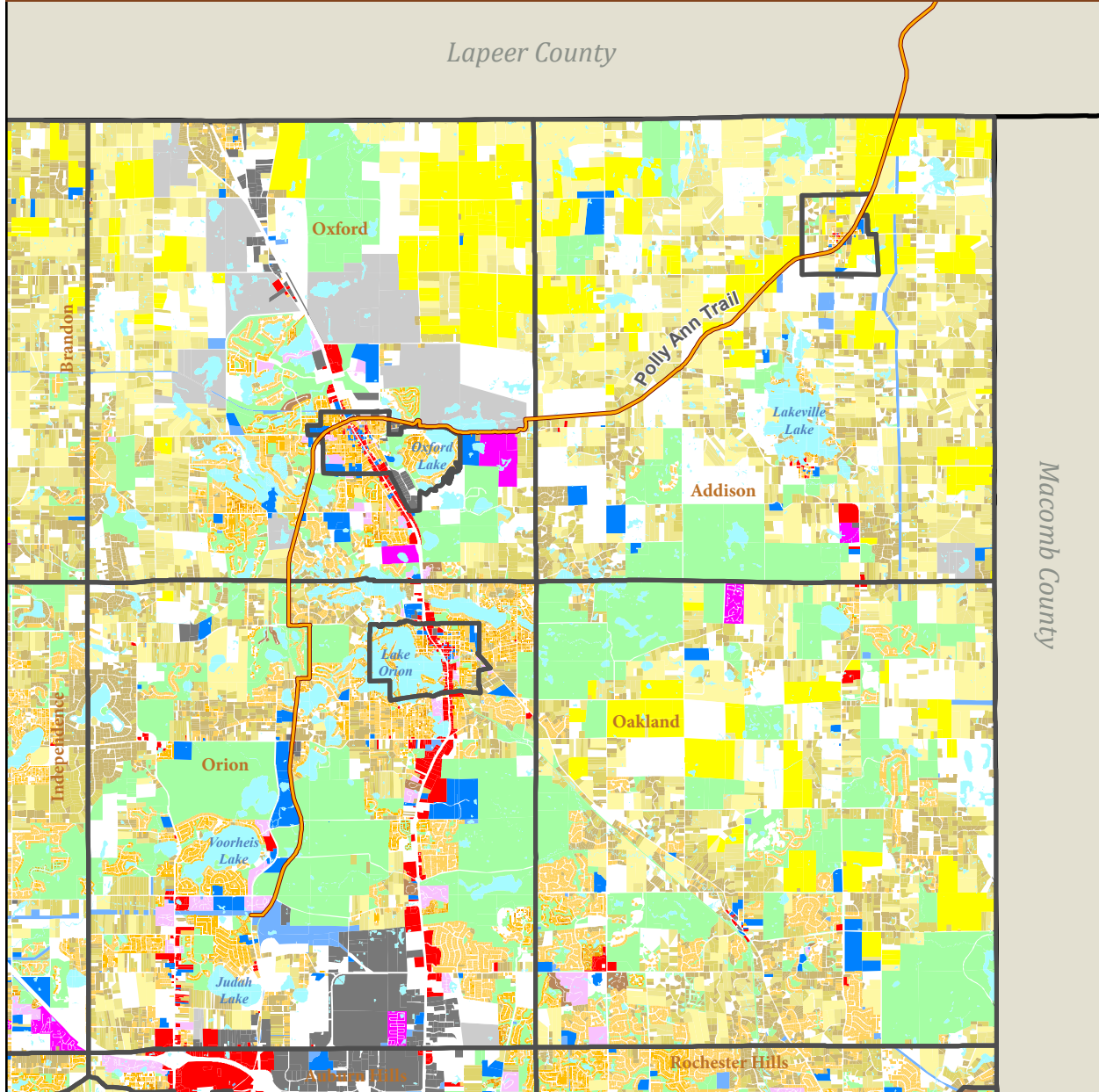
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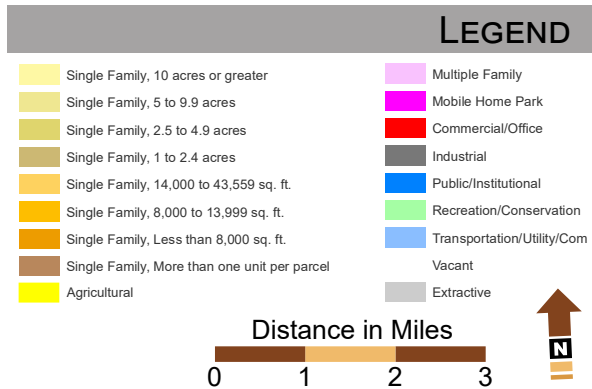
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# FIGURE 20. 2019 LAND USE MAP

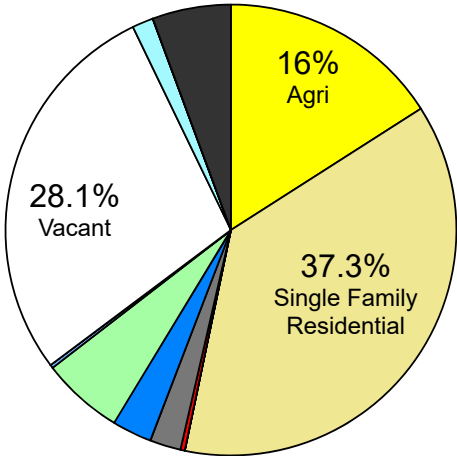


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Traditionally an agricultural region in Oakland County, the land use in the northeastern quadrant varies today. Many areas continue to be rural, however the small towns and major transportation corridors are experiencing an increase in commercial and residential densities. The majority of the parcels that are adjacent to the trail are residential. A few schools and parks are also in close proximity to the Polly Ann Trail.

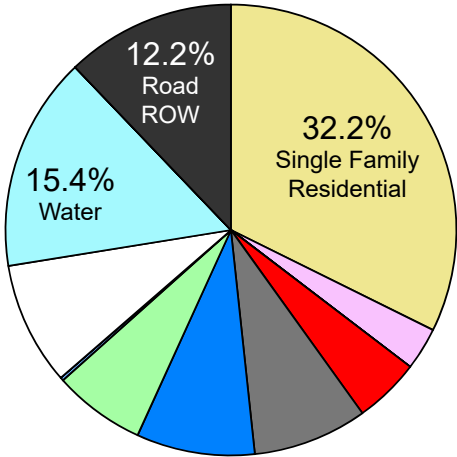


## VILLAGE OF LEONARD | 2019 LAND USE STATISTICS



Land Use	Area (ac.)	Area (%)	Parcels	Parcels (%)
Agricultural	97.8	16.0%	6	2.6%
Single Family Residential	228.8	37.3%	149	63.4%
Multiple Family				
Mobile Home Park				
Commercial/Office	1.9	0.3%	9	3.8%
Industrial	13.6	2.2%	6	2.6%
Public/Institutional	17.5	2.9%	9	3.8%
Recreation/Conservation	35.9	5.9%	6	2.6%
Transp./Utility/Comm.	1.5	0.3%	1	0.4%
Extractive				
Vacant	172.0	28.1%	49	20.9%
Water	9.3	1.5%		
Railroad Right-of-Way				
Road Right-of-Way	34.6	5.6%		
<b>Total</b>	<b>612.8</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## VILLAGE OF OXFORD | 2019 LAND USE STATISTICS

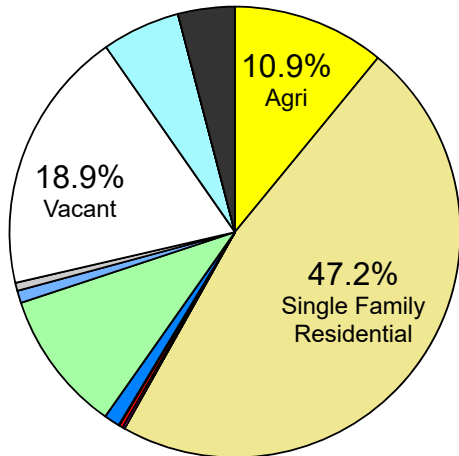


Land Use	Area (ac.)	Area (%)	Parcels	Parcels (%)
Agricultural				
Single Family Residential	304.8	32.3%	1,051	76.3%
Multiple Family	28.8	3.1%	18	1.3%
Mobile Home Park				
Commercial/Office	44.5	4.7%	118	8.6%
Industrial	77.5	8.2%	35	2.5%
Public/Institutional	80.0	8.5%	38	2.8%
Recreation/Conservation	62.2	6.6%	21	1.5%
Transp./Utility/Comm.	2.2	0.2%	3	0.2%
Extractive				
Vacant	83.4	8.8%	93	6.8%
Water	145.1	15.4%		
Railroad Right-of-Way				
Road Right-of-Way	114.7	12.2%		
<b>Total</b>	<b>943.3</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,377</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



## ADDISON TOWNSHIP

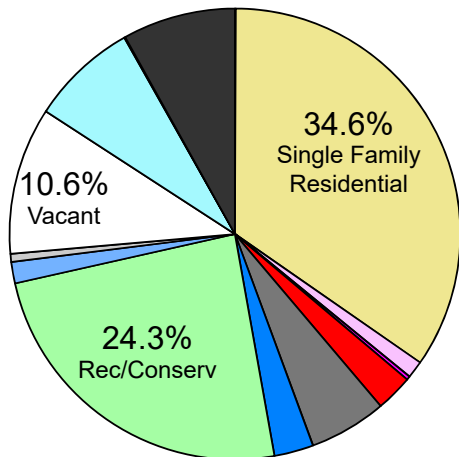
## 2019 LAND USE STATISTICS



Land Use	Area (ac.)	Area (%)	Parcels	Parcels (%)
Agricultural	2,492.8	10.9%	72	2.5%
Single Family Residential	10,759.4	47.2%	2,161	74.7%
Multiple Family				
Mobile Home Park	36.7	0.2%	1	0.0%
Commercial/Office	60.1	0.3%	15	0.5%
Industrial	13.6	0.1%	2	0.1%
Public/Institutional	257.6	1.1%	20	0.7%
Recreation/Conservation	2,314.5	10.2%	61	2.1%
Transp./Utility/Comm.	201.0	0.9%	10	0.3%
Extractive	132.9	0.6%	3	0.1%
Vacant	4,314.6	18.9%	547	18.9%
Water	1,279.3	5.6%		
Railroad Right-of-Way				
Road Right-of-Way	928.3	4.1%		
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,790.9</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2,892</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## ORION TOWNSHIP

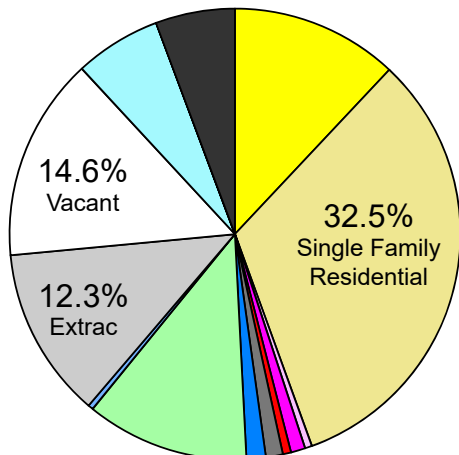
## 2019 LAND USE STATISTICS



Land Use	Area (ac.)	Area (%)	Parcels	Parcels (%)
Agricultural	15.0	0.1%	1	0.0%
Single Family Residential	7,669.9	34.6%	10,834	85.5%
Multiple Family	277.4	1.3%	19	0.1%
Mobile Home Park	58.4	0.3%	1	0.0%
Commercial/Office	586.4	2.6%	212	1.7%
Industrial	1,232.9	5.6%	116	0.9%
Public/Institutional	623.6	2.8%	57	0.4%
Recreation/Conservation	5,388.4	24.3%	271	2.1%
Transp./Utility/Comm.	339.1	1.5%	46	0.4%
Extractive	129.4	0.6%	9	0.1%
Vacant	2,343.4	10.6%	1,107	8.7%
Water	1,698.8	7.7%		
Railroad Right-of-Way	18.6	0.1%		
Road Right-of-Way	1,794.2	8.1%		
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,175.5</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>12,673</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## OXFORD TOWNSHIP

## 2019 LAND USE STATISTICS



Land Use	Area (ac.)	Area (%)	Parcels	Parcels (%)
Agricultural	2,602.2	12.0%	76	1.2%
Single Family Residential	7,038.9	32.5%	5,184	83.8%
Multiple Family	110.6	0.5%	12	0.2%
Mobile Home Park	225.4	1.0%	5	0.1%
Commercial/Office	128.3	0.6%	81	1.3%
Industrial	264.2	1.2%	61	1.0%
Public/Institutional	298.1	1.4%	28	0.5%
Recreation/Conservation	2,535.3	11.7%	217	3.5%
Transp./Utility/Comm.	80.2	0.4%	15	0.2%
Extractive	2,658.2	12.3%	26	0.4%
Vacant	3,166.8	14.6%	484	7.8%
Water	1,344.0	6.2%		
Railroad Right-of-Way				
Road Right-of-Way	1,235.5	5.7%		
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,687.7</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>6,189</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## Social Determinants of Health

Social Determinants of Health (SDoH) are conditions in the environments where people are born, live, learn, work, play and worship, that affect a wide range of health and quality-of-life outcomes. SDoH “are shaped by the distribution of money, power and resources at global, national and local levels...

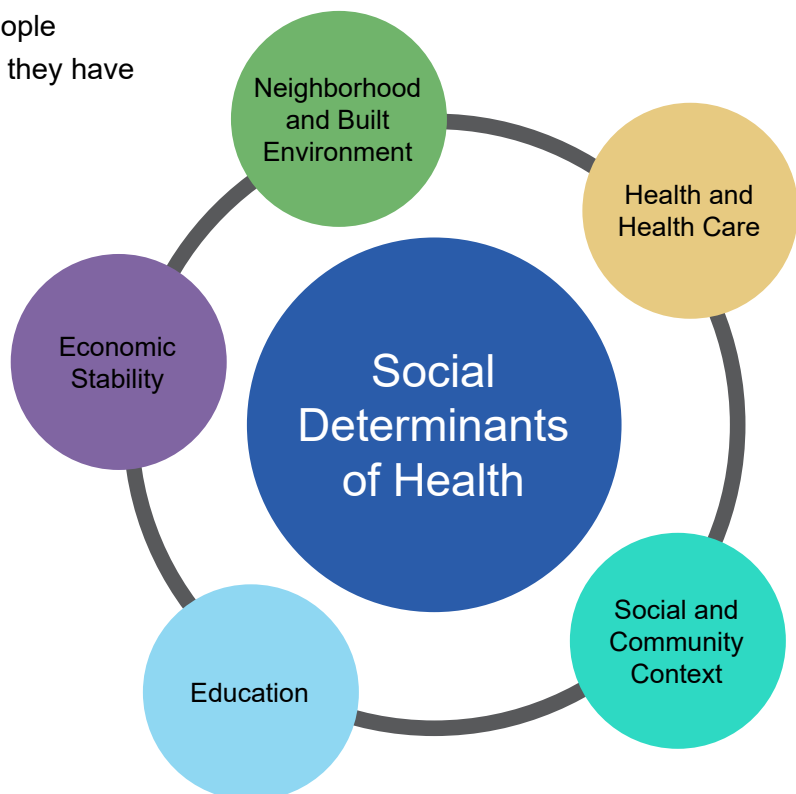
Social determinants of health are mostly responsible for health inequities - the unfair and avoidable differences in health status.”<sup>1</sup>

Social, economic and physical conditions in various settings (e.g., school, church, workplace, and neighborhood) have been referred to as being “place-based.”<sup>2</sup> A place-based approach targets an entire community and aims to address issues that exist at the neighborhood level where resources that enhance quality of life can have a significant influence on population health outcomes.<sup>3</sup>

In other words-the choices that people make, depend on the choices that they have available to them.

SDoH includes 5 primary domains:

- Neighborhood and built environment characteristics, such as the quality of housing, environmental quality, and the presence or absence of parks and recreational facilities
- Health and health care, such as health insurance coverage, access to primary care, and health behaviors
- Social and community context, such as connections between neighbors, acceptance of diversity, support for individuals with disabilities, and LGBTQ+ safe havens
- Economic stability, such as economic development opportunities and affordable quality housing
- Education, including early childhood, K-12, higher education, adult learning, and literacy programs



*Five primary domains of Social Determinants of Health.*

Healthy People 2020 lists “Create social and physical environments that promote good health for all” as one of its top four goals, placing high importance on addressing social determinants of health.<sup>4</sup> The *2017 Communities in Action: Pathways to Health Equity* report recognizes that access to parks, recreation, open spaces and healthy environments should be considered during land use planning to promote health equity for diverse populations.<sup>5</sup> Therefore, the Polly Ann Trailway Master plan seeks to promote health equity and address social determinants of health by including community engagement feedback, utilizing geospatial data to understand population trends and needs, and examining issues of trail quality and accessibility.

## **PUBLIC HEALTH**

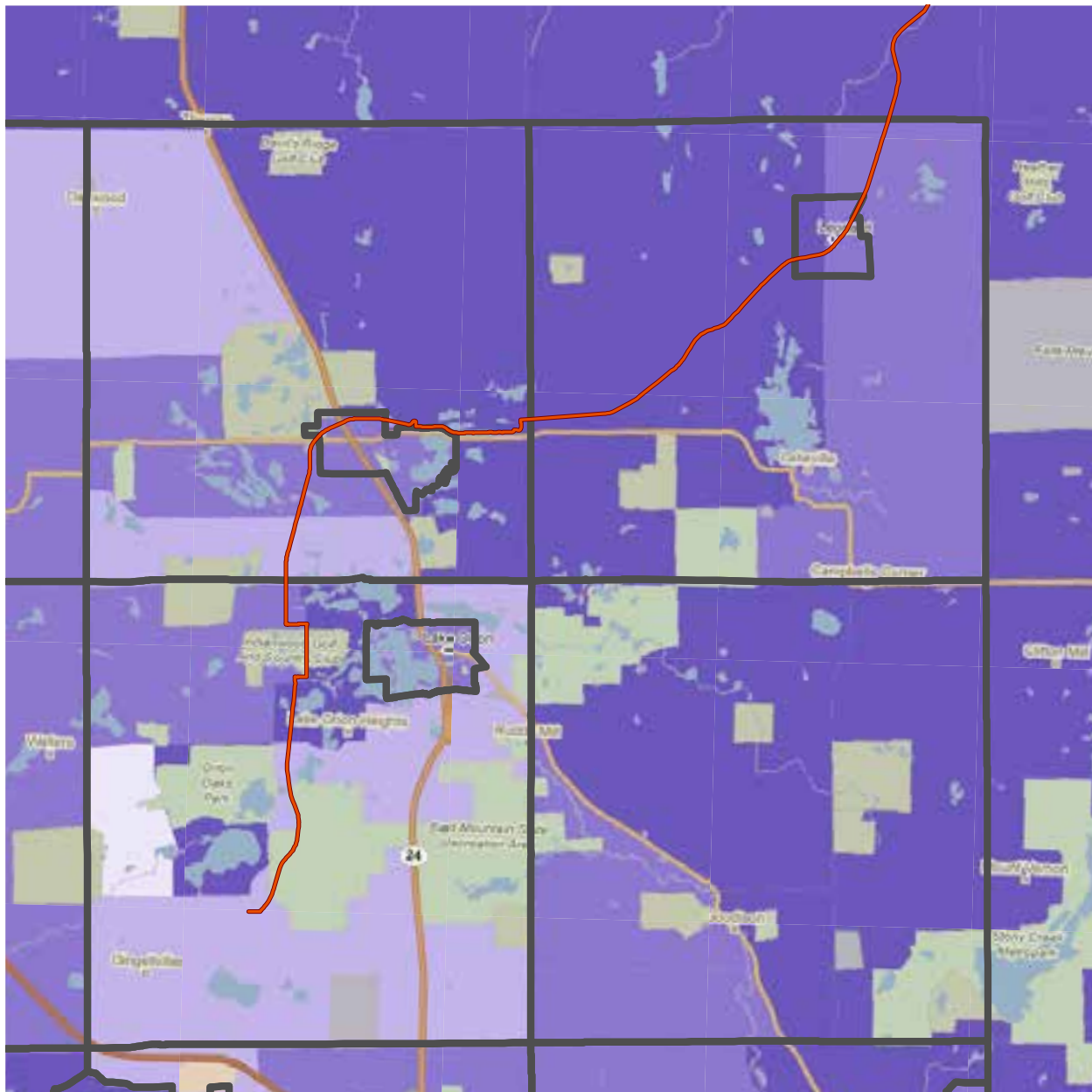
According to the Centers for Disease Control, public health is the science of protecting and improving the health of people and their communities. Illness and injury prevention is a main goal for public health workers and this often accomplished through gathering metrics and data, implementing educational programs, changing public policies and providing health related services. Trails, parks and recreational programming can play a key role in public health by promoting wellness, reducing social isolation and encouraging healthy lifestyles, which have been found to be essential especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The overall health of the citizens in proximity to the PAT can be improved by providing high quality, vibrant places for people to live, work, socialize and recreate. One indicator for public health is to evaluate chronic diseases like diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure, obesity and cancer. The maps on the following pages illustrate factors related to health and wellness and are also a reminder that your ZIP code might be as important as your genetic code.

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**FIGURE 22. % OF ADULTS WITH HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE MAP**



**LEGEND**

- Year: 2013  
 Shaded by: Census Tract, 2010
- Insufficient Data
  - 30.92% or less
  - 30.93% - 34.86%
  - 34.87% - 37.97%
  - 37.98% - 42.06%
  - 42.07% or more

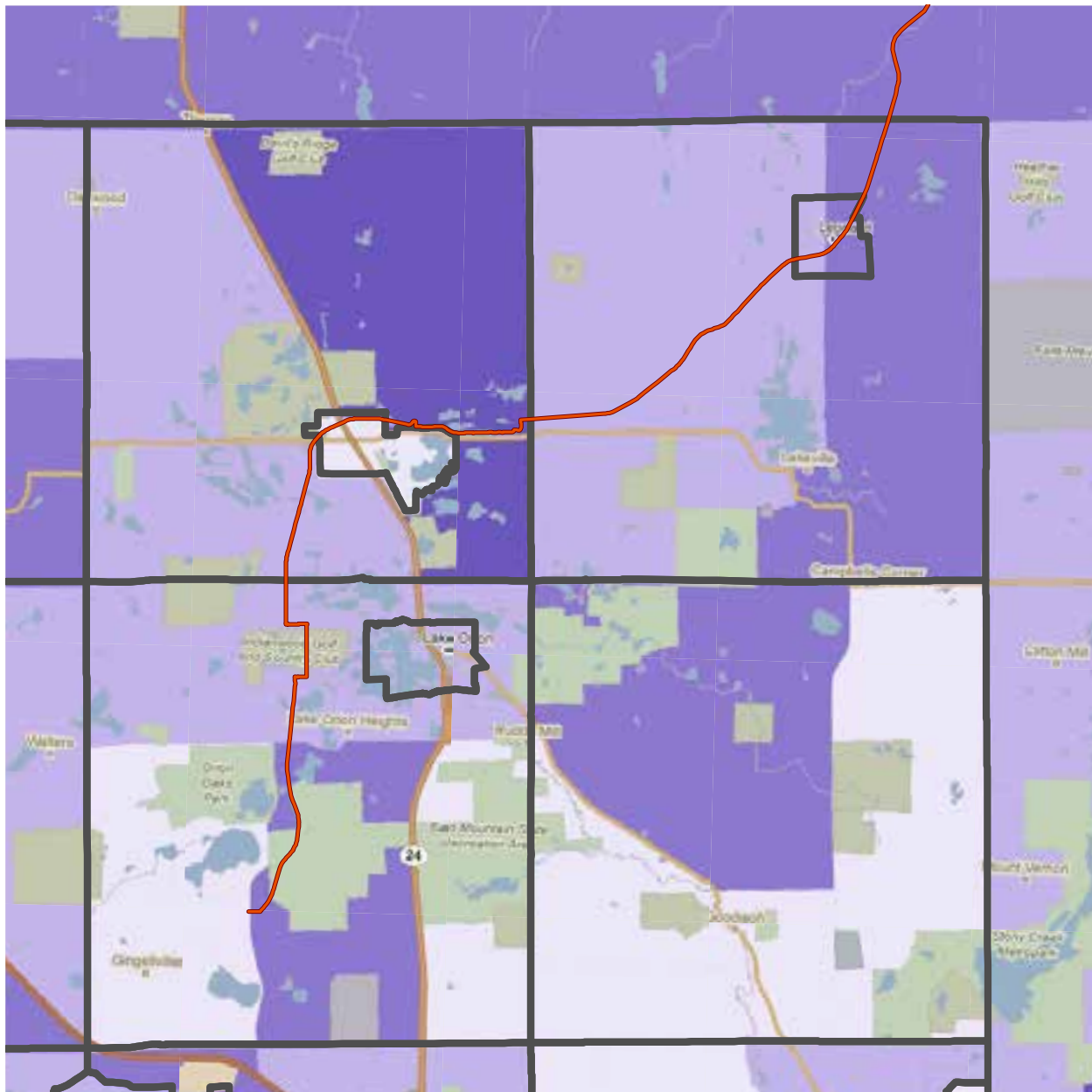
Source: CDC BRFSS & PolicyMap







**FIGURE 25. % OF POPULATION WITH DISABILITIES MAP**

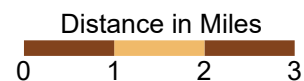


**LEGEND**

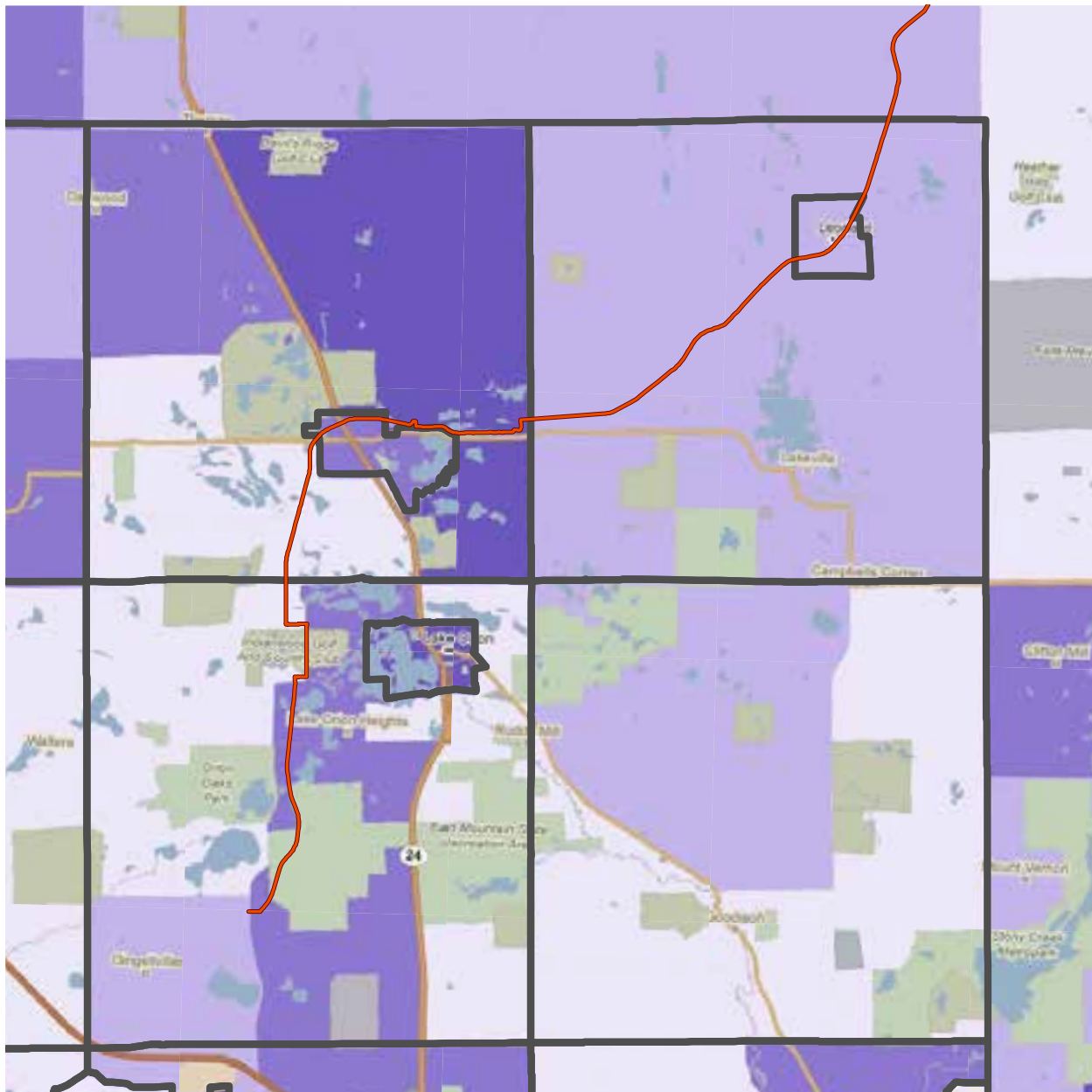
Year: 2013-2017  
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- Insufficient Data
- 8.48% or less
- 8.49% - 11.22%
- 11.23% - 14.07%
- 14.08% - 17.89%
- 17.90% or more

Source: Census



**FIGURE 26. % OF HOUSEHOLDS WITHOUT VEHICLE ACCESS MAP**

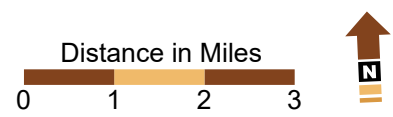


**TRANSPORTATION & MOBILITY**

The North Oakland Transportation Authority (NOTA) provides transit options to residents in northeastern Oakland County that meet ridership qualifications. The majority of trips are to/from medical appointments, grocery store, community events and work.

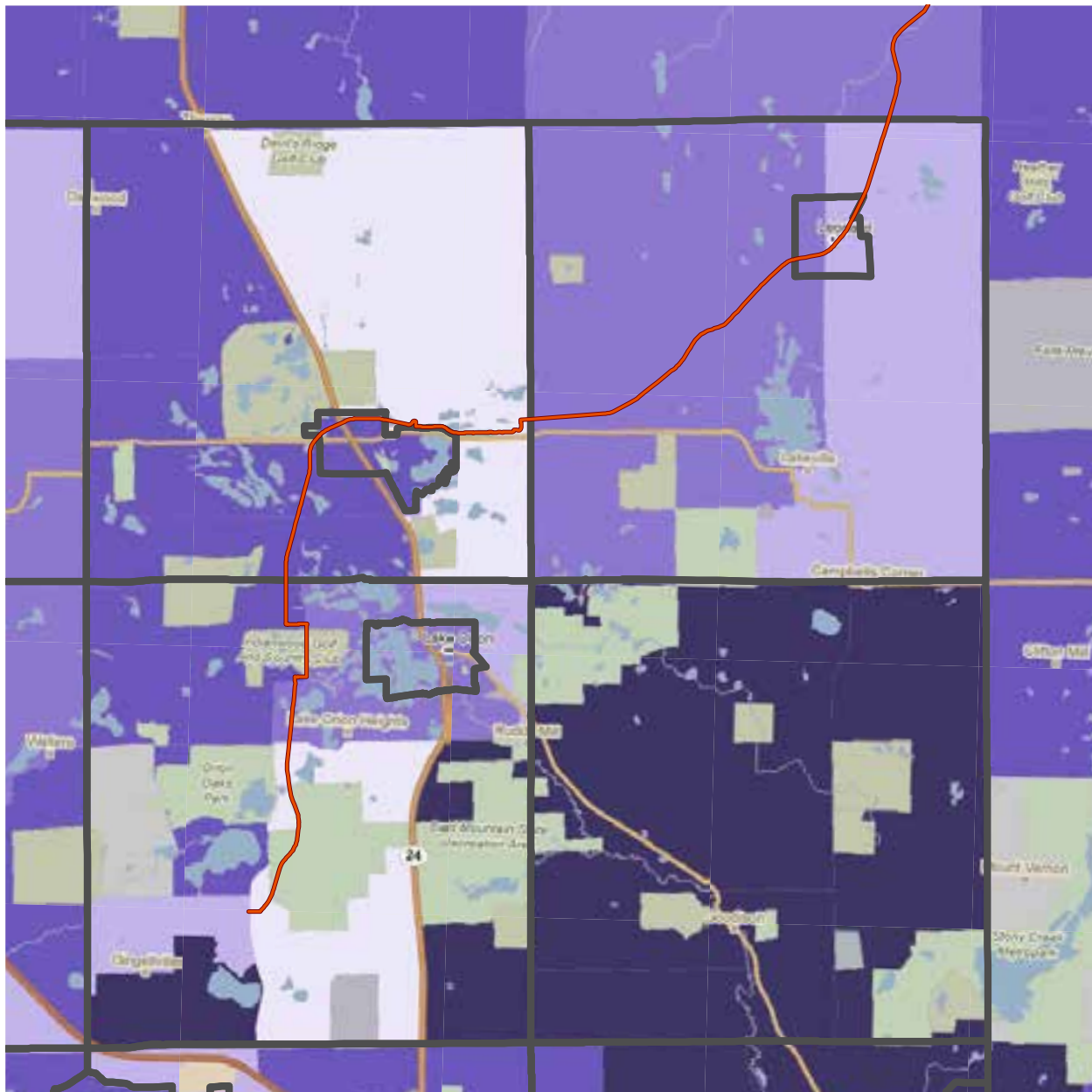
**LEGEND**

- Year: 2013-2017  
 Shaded by: Census Tract, 2010
- 4.14% - 7.15%
  - 7.16% - 13.60%
  - 13.61% or more
  - Insufficient Data
  - 2.08% or less
  - 2.09% - 4.13%
- Source: Census





**FIGURE 27. LIFE EXPECTANCY AT BIRTH**



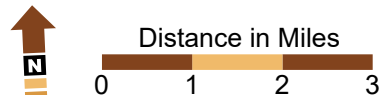
**LIFE EXPECTANCY**

The National Center for Health Statistics developed statistical models to predict death rates based on demographic, socioeconomic and geographic variables as illustrated in the map above.

**LEGEND**

- Year: 2010-2015  
 Shaded by: Census Tract, 2010
- Insufficient Data
  - 75.1 or less
  - 75.2 - 77.5
  - 77.6 - 79.5
  - 79.6 - 81.5
  - 81.6 or more

Source: CDC





### Public Input

The following information is a general description for the planning process used to develop the 5-Year Polly Ann Trailway Master Plan. It should be noted that the timing of this planning process has been interrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic, which caused a global disruption for social connection, public health and economic vitality.

#### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The fieldwork, public input and data collection for this master plan update began in the fall of 2019. A number of sources were consulted in order to gather the most recent information, which includes the Trail Manager, members of the Polly Ann Trailway Management Council, Oakland County Trails Master Plan, online resources, field observations and previous Polly Ann Trail master plans.

#### PUBLIC INPUT MEETINGS

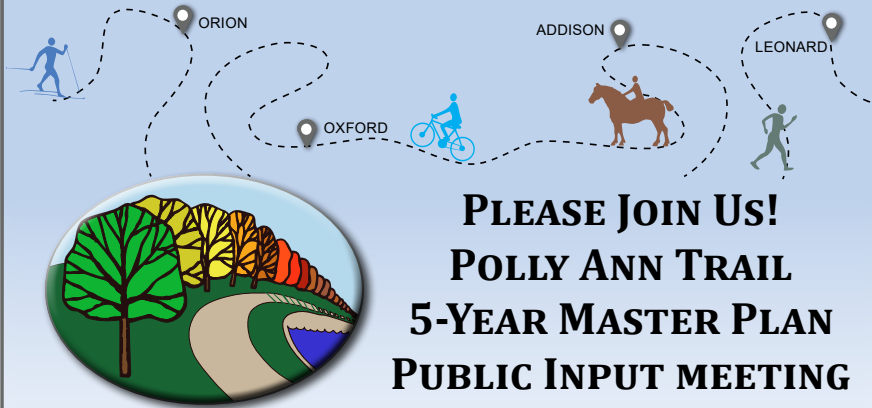
The development of this updated Trailway Master Plan includes input from a variety of stakeholders, including: community officials, local residents and frequent trail users in order to identify future improvements to the linear park. There were a number of well advertised opportunities prior to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic for the public to provide input and information before the Polly Ann Trailway Master Plan was drafted. The following Public Input meetings took place:

- Public Input Meeting in Orion Township was held on November 4, 2019 at the Orion Township Public Library
- Public Input Meeting in Addison Township was held on November 7, 2019 at the Addison Township Public Library



*Orion Township Public Input Meeting  
Mapping Exercise*

# POLLY ANN TRAIL



The Polly Ann Trailway Management Council will be hosting open house meetings in Addison Township and Orion Township to collect public input needed to complete the 5-Year Polly Ann Trailway Master Plan. Attendees can provide comments and speak with staff about trail related events, upcoming projects and long-term trail improvements.

Please stop by and support the Polly Ann Trail by providing your comments, questions and suggestions. All are welcome to attend.

For additional information, please contact us at: 248.981.1242 or [manager@pollyantrailway.org](mailto:manager@pollyantrailway.org)

If you are unable to attend one of the meetings, please take a moment and fill out the online survey at:

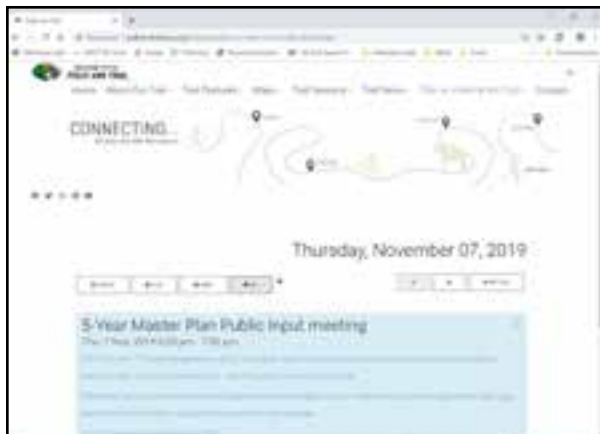
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**NOVEMBER 4, 2019**

**ORION TWP LIBRARY**  
825 Joslyn Road  
Lake Orion, MI 48362  
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**NOVEMBER 7, 2019**

**ADDISON TWP LIBRARY**  
1400 Rochester Road  
Leonard, MI 48367  
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.



*Examples of the Public Input Meeting and Online Survey notices.*

## PUBLIC MEETING SUMMARY

- November 4, 2019
- November 7, 2019

## NUMBER OF ATTENDEES:

- 15 people

## MEETING MATERIALS:

Displays were set up and meeting attendees could view aerial photos of the entire trail, regional trail connections map, and a brainstorming board that focused on likes/ dislikes, missing amenities, and future events and programs for the Polly Ann Trail.

An aerial photo was used to conduct a mapping exercise to identify difficult road crossings, key destinations and special places, areas of concern and potential trail and sidepath connections.

A paper survey was also distributed to attendees to complete during the meeting.

## KEY FINDINGS:

- Develop missing link through golf course between Indianwood and Joslyn to avoid the sidepath along the roadways
- Improve directional/wayfinding signage along Indianwood and Joslyn sidepath
- Sidepath is rough and narrow between Indianwood and Heights
- Need restrooms at Clarkston Road Trailhead
- Need signs on the trail to indicate restrooms are available at Orion Civic Center
- Identify road names at each crossing (e.g. Scripps Road, Greenshield Road)
- Need a connector path and wayfinding signage to Wildwood
- Formalize Clarkston Road Connector east of M-24
- Significant invasive species and phragmites near Orion/Oxford border
- Significant invasive species near Oxford Library
- Parking available on Drahner Road at Pathway Church
- Improve Lapeer County Polly Ann Trail
- Need a coffee shop in Leonard
- Parking at Hosner not on the trail need restrooms and water
- Leonard Mill was identified as a historic/cultural feature



*Orion Township Public Input Meeting*



*Addison Township Public Input Meeting*

## BRAINSTORMING EXERCISE RESULTS FROM PUBLIC MEETINGS

### ***What DO you like about the Polly Ann Trail?***

- Like how it goes through the woods
- Bordman Road rest area
- Not too many people or dogs
- Natural beauty
- Maintenance
- Going through Oxford
- State land along the trail
- Proximity to my house, library, civic center
- Flat and well maintained
- Nice place to x-country ski in winter (and close to my house)
- About 1 mile between road crossings don't have to spend all my time watching for cars
- Nice place to bike with my son
- Continue high level of maintenance. If the trail looks maintained, people will take care of it

### ***What DON'T you like about the Polly Ann Trail?***

- Natural spring/water drainage at Curtis Road drains on the trail
- Awkward connection and rough surface from Heights Road to Indianwood Road
- Improved trail doesn't continue north into Lapeer County
- Phragmites
- Clarkston connection to Paint Creek Trail is unsafe for bikers east of Lapeer Road
- Need to continue vertical cuts to establish a safe shoulder
- Handle encroachments and invasive species

### ***What events or programs would you like to see on the Polly Ann Trail?***

- Joint programs with the Paint Creek Trail
- DIA event
- Nature hike/bike
- Learn about trees, plants and nature

### ***What amenities are missing on the Polly Ann Trail?***

- Restroom facilities at every parking lot
- Restroom between Leonard and Oxford
- Trail Etiquette
- Parking at Drahner
- Parking on Hosner
- Signage for History of Area
- Signage for ID Nature
- Half-mile markers
- How to connect to the north to Iron Belle Trail
- Improved crushed limestone surface

## Stakeholder Focus Group Meeting Summary

A Stakeholder Focus Group meeting was held on November 12, 2019 at the Oxford Township Hall with various community and stakeholder group representatives.

### **BRAINSTORMING EXERCISE RESULTS FROM STAKEHOLDER MEETING**

#### ***What DO you like about the Polly Ann Trail?***

- Powell Lake Overlook
- DNR Assistance with grant funding, brush removal, gates, encroachments
- Working with Conservation Officer
- Pure Michigan Trail Designation
- Camping at Camp Agawam
- Bike share program at Library and Orion Center (Holy Spokes maintains the bikes)
- Heritage Trail outreach
- +/- RRFBs and Advanced Warning Signals
- Leonard Mill

#### ***What DON'T you like about the Polly Ann Trail?***

- Funding. Need more money from each municipality
- Reevaluate overall budget
- Lack of Public Private Partnerships
- Need more sponsorship opportunities
- Dog waste
- Road crossings need to be improved
- Motorized vehicles and 4 wheelers

#### ***What events or programs would you like to see on the Polly Ann Trail?***

- Tie in Canterbury
- Promote small projects
- Eagle Scout
- Holy Spokes Event
- Help is needed to promote special events using social media and online postings. Public outreach is a big time commitment
- Scavenger Hunts
- Virtual 5k
- Book walks in partnership with Oxford Library
- Leader Dog training program
- Orion Township Center Walking Program
- Partner with Wildwood Amphitheater and Camp Agawam

### ***What amenities are missing on the Polly Ann Trail?***

- Need an event calendar
- Need a strategy to improve maintenance, communication, and education
- ITC Vegetation Management in 2020 + ITC Gardening License
- Restrooms portable in Orion and Addison
- Maintenance Opportunities
- Naming Rights for various amenities
- Powell Lake Park and Library Parking
- Lighting on the trail
- Interpretive signage for Amelia Earhart at Scripps
- Ordinance Review for each community along the trail
- Post operating hours for the trail
- “Network of trails”
- Enhance historic sites
- Friends group is needed
- PAT branded marketing materials

## **Online Public Survey Summary**

In addition to the public open house meetings and the stakeholder focus group meeting, an online survey was created and conducted over a seven week time period from September 26, 2019 to November 14, 2019. There were a total of 343 respondents.

Survey results and feedback from community meetings were used to assist in the development of the Goals & Objectives and Action Program portions of the plan. The online survey results can be found in Appendix E. Key findings from the online survey include the following from respondents:

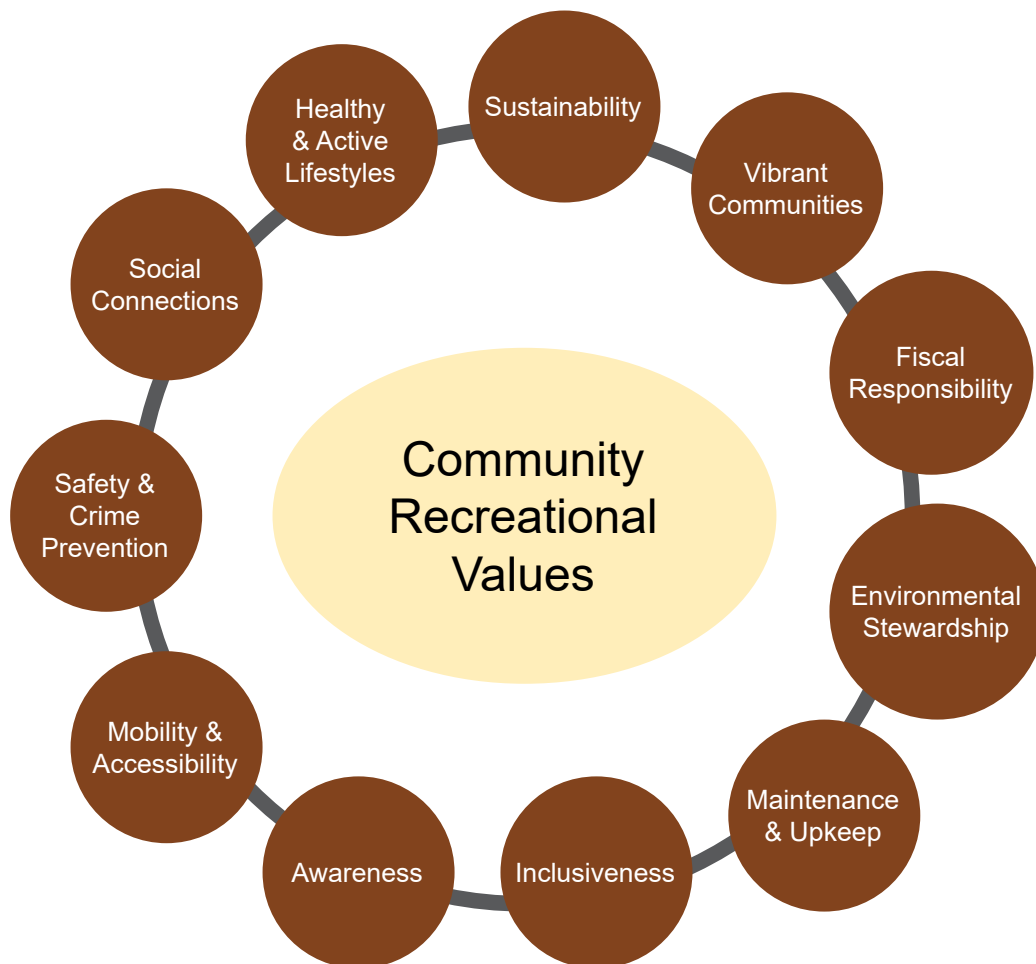
- Q3. 38% get to the trail by car  
35% bike to get to the trail  
23% walk to get to the trail
- Q4. 54% agree there is adequate parking along the trail
- Q5. 76% visit the Polly Ann for fitness or recreation
- Q10. The top 4 problems or conditions that need to be addressed on the Polly Ann are:
  1. Lack of restrooms
  2. Trail surface condition
  3. Lack of drinking fountains
  4. Trail courtesy
- Q11. 91% rate the trail 4 stars or higher (out of 5 stars)
- Q12. 78% do not attend events on the trail



### Action Plan

There are a number of factors that must be considered prior to establishing goals, objectives and a capital improvement program for the next five years. The PATMC must not base trail infrastructure improvements and programming decisions solely on the voice of a handful of residents or the needs and wants of community officials, but must also be aware of recreational trends, national standards, community opinion, as well as demographic information and determining the condition of the existing trailway and amenities.

This chapter attempts to consolidate a multitude of elements that must be acknowledged and the various aspects, perceptions and ideas that need to be filtered and categorized with the end result of producing the prioritized needs of the PATMC. Because there are so many factors that will ultimately determine needs, caution should be taken to not analyze each piece of information individually, but integrate them all into a cohesive action plan.



*The key concepts above were common among public input meetings and survey responses.*



## Community Demographics

The following information takes a closer look at the socioeconomic characteristics of the communities that surround the Polly Ann Trail. This information plays a key role in the demand for certain types of recreation facilities and programming. By examining information such as population, density, age and household size, municipalities can identify trends and opportunities that may influence future land use, recreation decisions and policy changes.

For example, if the school enrollment in a particular area is growing, there may be a need to plan for more safe routes to school from the trail and focus on family-friendly events. Conversely, if the population of the community is more mature, additional amenities and programs may be needed for aging adults. The following pages provide a brief summary of the socioeconomic characteristics of the communities in the northeast corner of Oakland County that may influence future trail planning decisions.

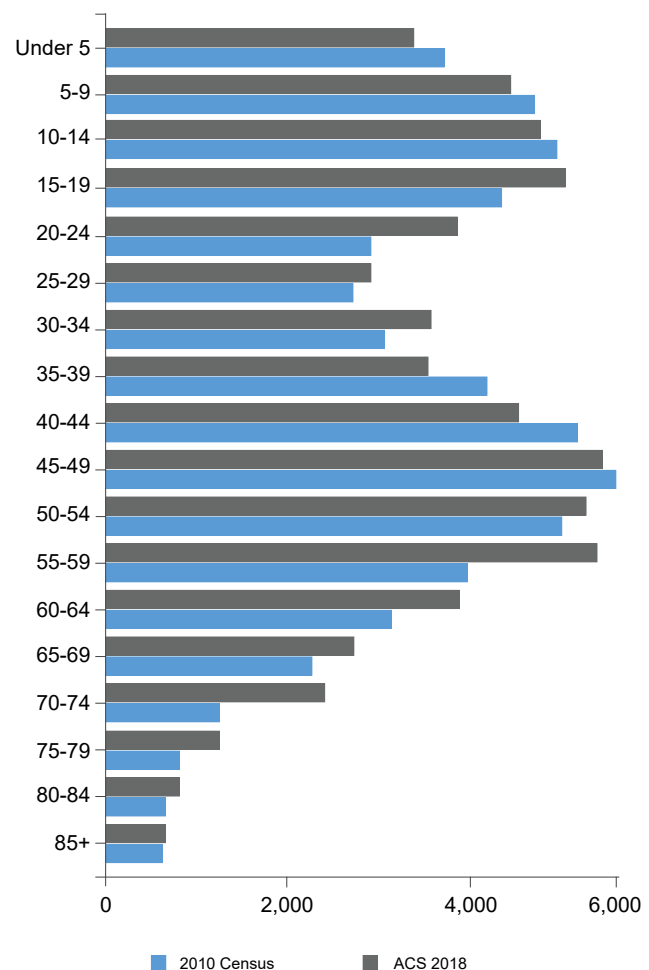
### POPULATION TRENDS AND PROJECTIONS

The largest population change in this area occurred between 1990-2000 with a 39.7% increase in population. As recorded by the 2018 American Community Survey, the peak population in this area is 64,087 residents. According to the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) 2045 Population Forecast, which was produced in 2017, the area's population is slated to increase slightly from its current mark and will reach 65,727 residents by 2045.

#### Chapter Notes:

The 2010 U.S. Census and the 2018 American Community Survey (ACS) serve as the primary sources of data for the demographic information in this section. The data represented is aggregated from Orion Township, Oxford Township, Village of Oxford, Addison Township and the Village of Leonard.

**FIGURE 28. POPULATION CHANGE BY AGE, 2010-2018**



## MEDIAN AGE

Knowledge of a community's age distribution plays a crucial role in the planning of recreation facilities and programs. As mentioned earlier, whether an area is comprised of older or younger citizens will greatly influence such things as the facilities and programs that are most desired within parks and along the trail. The maps on the following pages illustrate the various age groups and their distribution within the communities adjacent to the Polly Ann. According to the 2018 ACS, the Median Age for this area is 41.1 years old.

As a result, the PATMC may want to consider providing trail facilities and events that are family friendly or are geared toward middle-aged adults without children.

## HOUSEHOLD SIZE

A household, as defined by the US Census, is all persons who occupy the same housing unit. A housing unit can be described as a house, apartment, mobile home, a group of rooms, or a single room used as a separate living quarters.

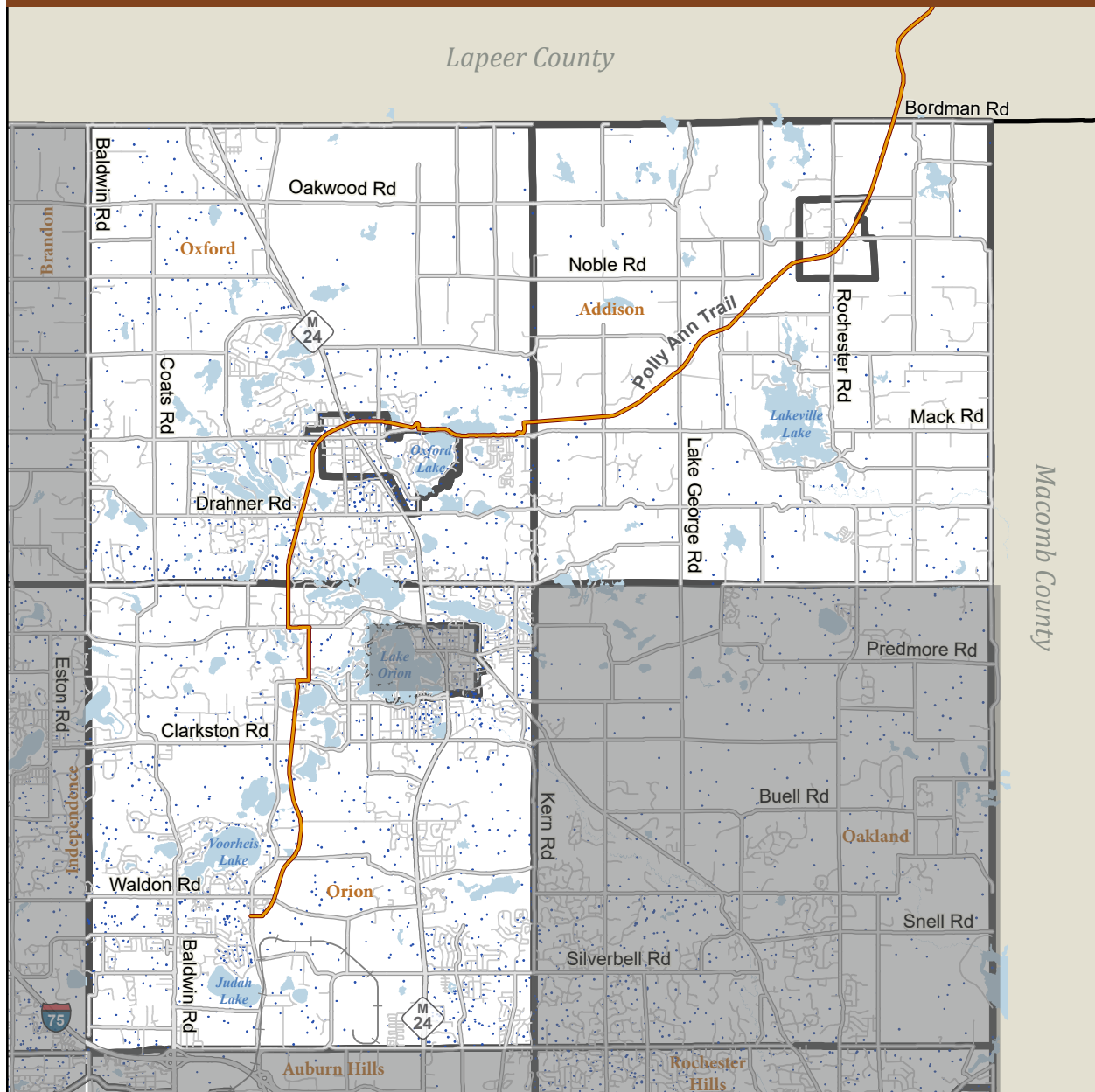
Household size is an important factor when making recreation facility and program decisions. A high person per household figure can be an indication that an area is comprised of families with children and thus could justify family or youth oriented recreation needs. Conversely, an area with a low person per household figure may require recreation facilities and programs more favorable to singles, adults or the aging population.

According to the 2018 ACS, the average household size is 2.71 people.

**TABLE 8. POPULATION & HOUSEHOLD PROFILE**

SUBJECT	1990 CENSUS	2000 CENSUS	2010 CENSUS	2018 ACS	2045 SEMCOG FORECAST
Population	38,094	53,212	59,298	64,087	65,727
Households (Occupied Units)	----	----	21,385	23,727	26,361
Average Household Size	----	----	2.75	2.71	2.48
Median Age	----	----	39.9	41.1	----
Households with 2+ Persons, With Children	----	----	8,545	8,204	8,355
Households with 2+ Persons, Without Children			8,609	10,361	11,048
Households with Seniors 65+	----	----	3,972	5,488	11,042

# FIGURE 29. YOUTH POPULATION AGE 9 AND UNDER MAP

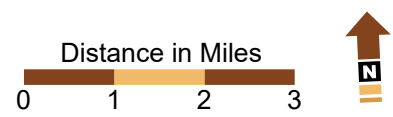


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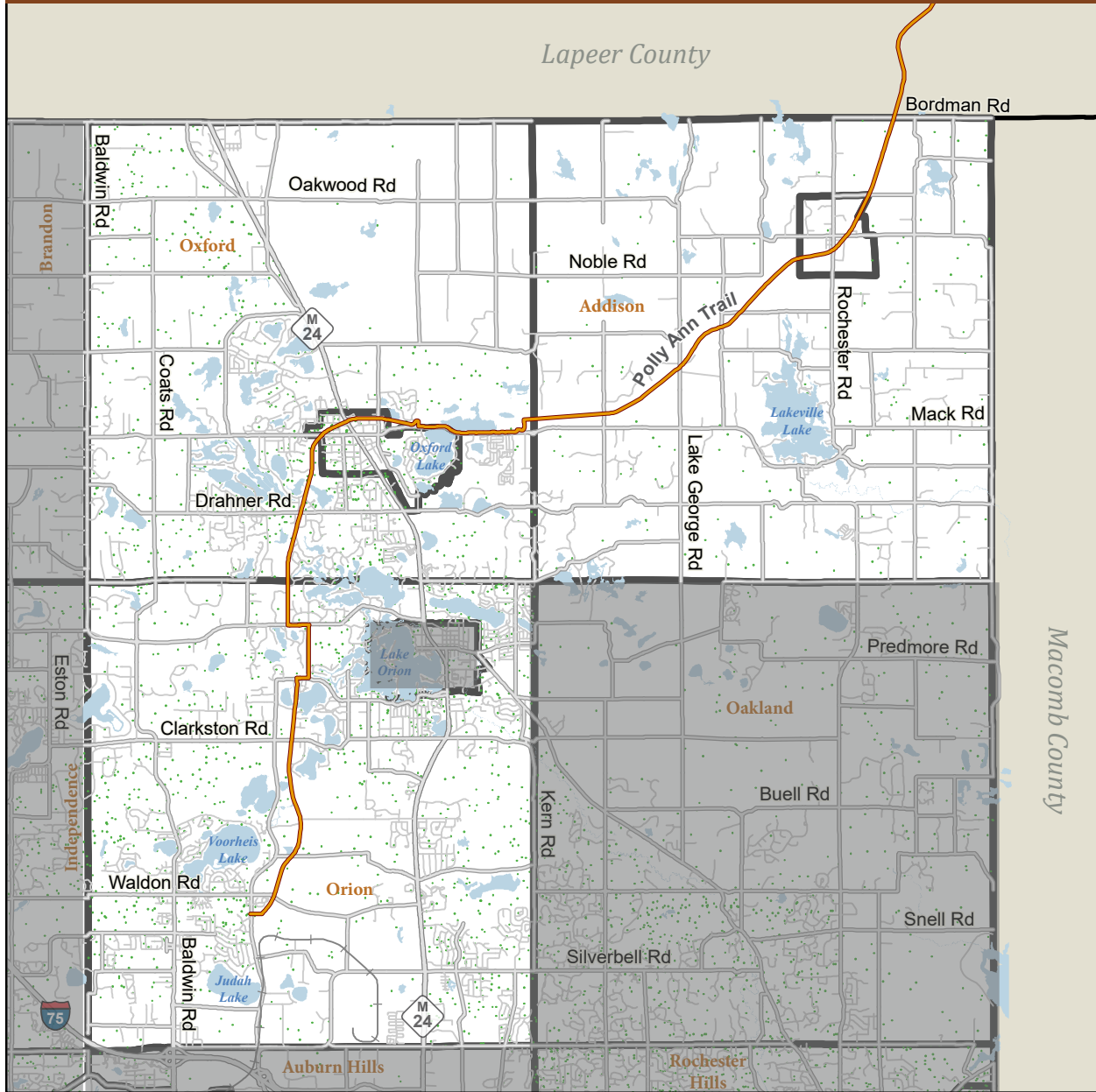
## LEGEND

1 Dot = 1 Person  
(7,844 people)

Source: American Community Survey  
2018 5-Year Estimates; Block Groups



# FIGURE 30. YOUTH POPULATION AGE 10-17 MAP

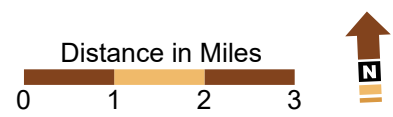


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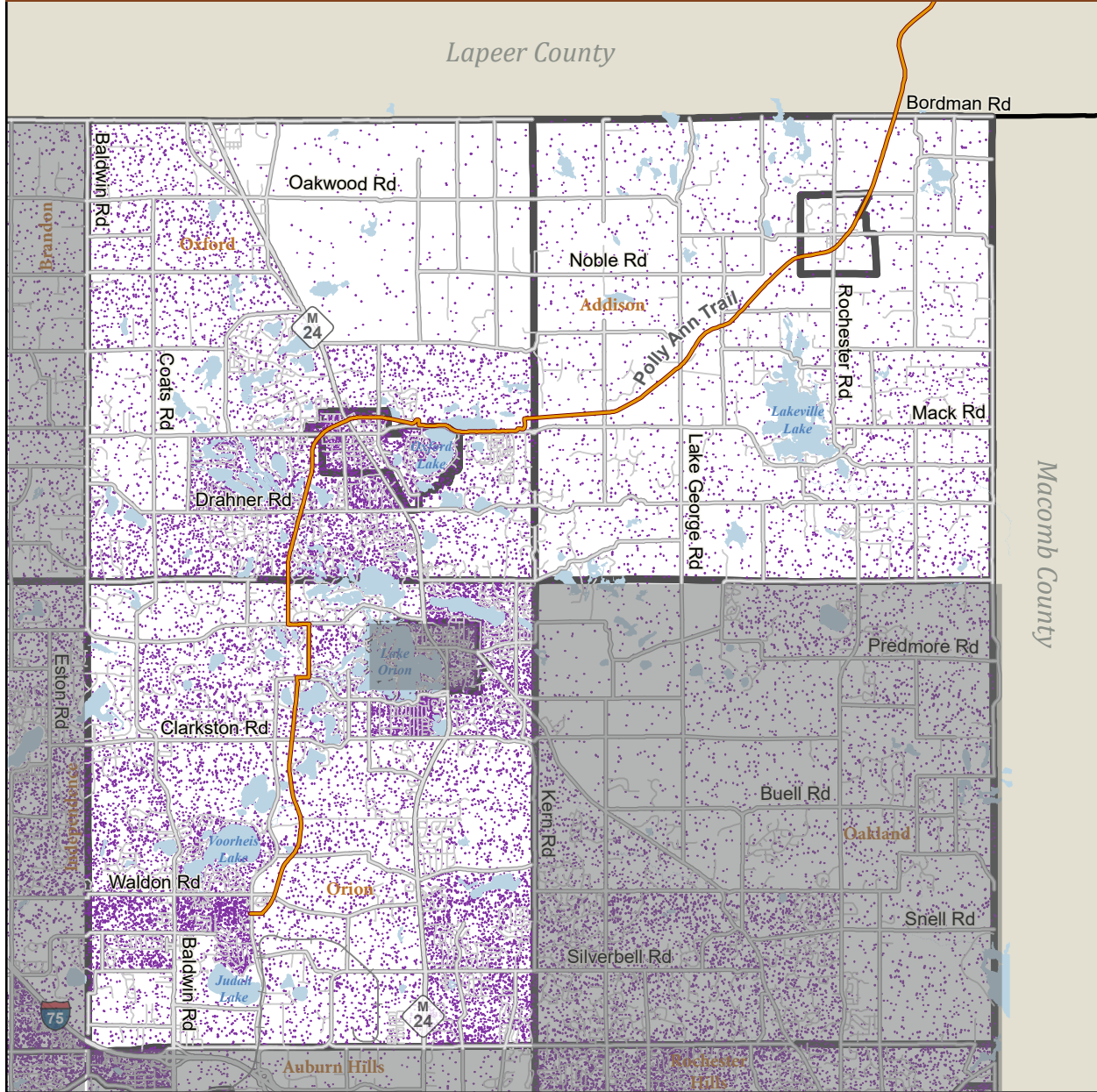
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(8,064 people)

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# FIGURE 31. ADULT POPULATION AGE 18 TO 49 MAP

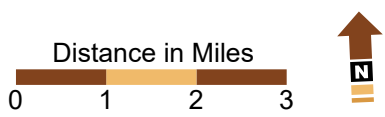


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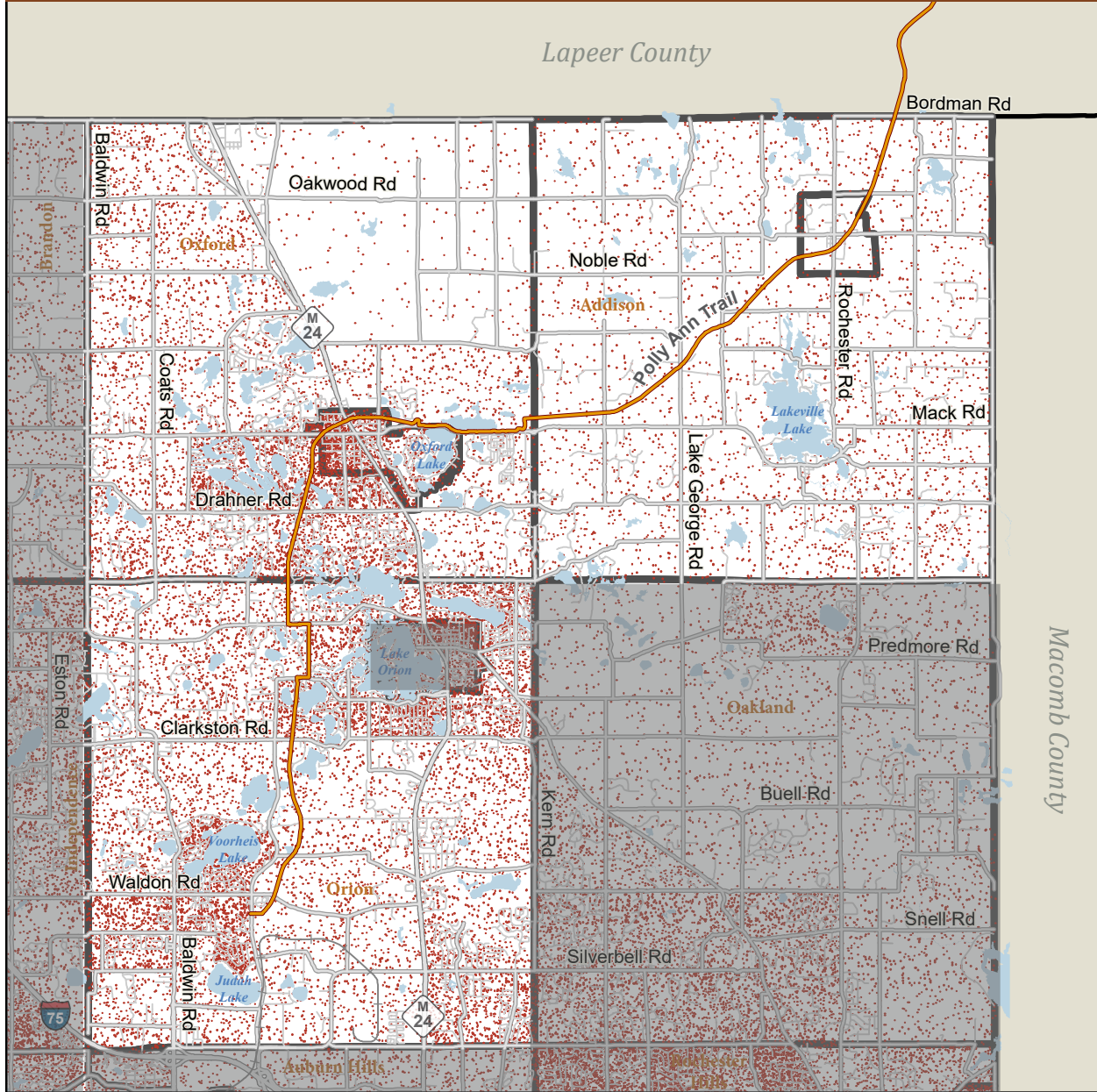
## LEGEND

1 Dot = 1 Person  
(25,687 people)

Source: American Community Survey  
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# FIGURE 32. ADULT POPULATION AGE 50 AND OVER MAP

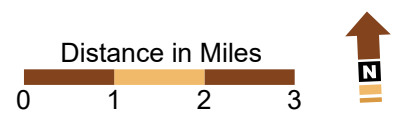


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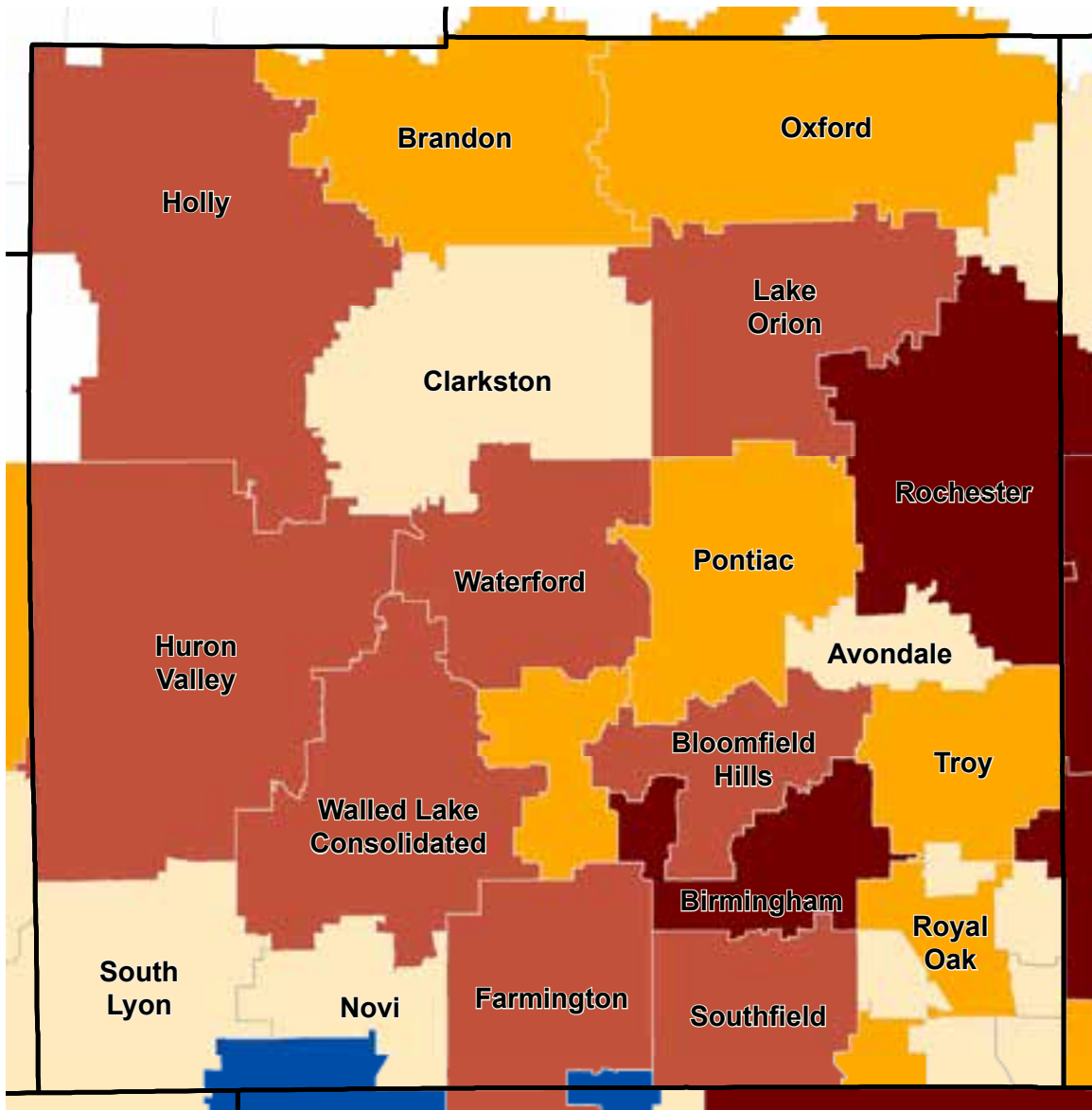
## LEGEND

1 Dot = 1 Person  
(22,492 people)

Source: American Community Survey  
2018 5-Year Estimates; Block Groups



**FIGURE 33. CHANGE IN SCHOOL-AGE POPULATION BY SCHOOL DISTRICT MAP**



School District	2015	2025	2035	2045	Change 2015-2045	% Change 2015-2045
Rochester School District	16,166	14,160	15,174	15,455	-711	-4.40%
Lake Orion Community Schools	8,782	7,468	7,517	7,684	-1,098	-12.50%
Oxford Community Schools	4,587	3,795	3,908	3,975	-612	-13.30%

**Years: 2015-2025**

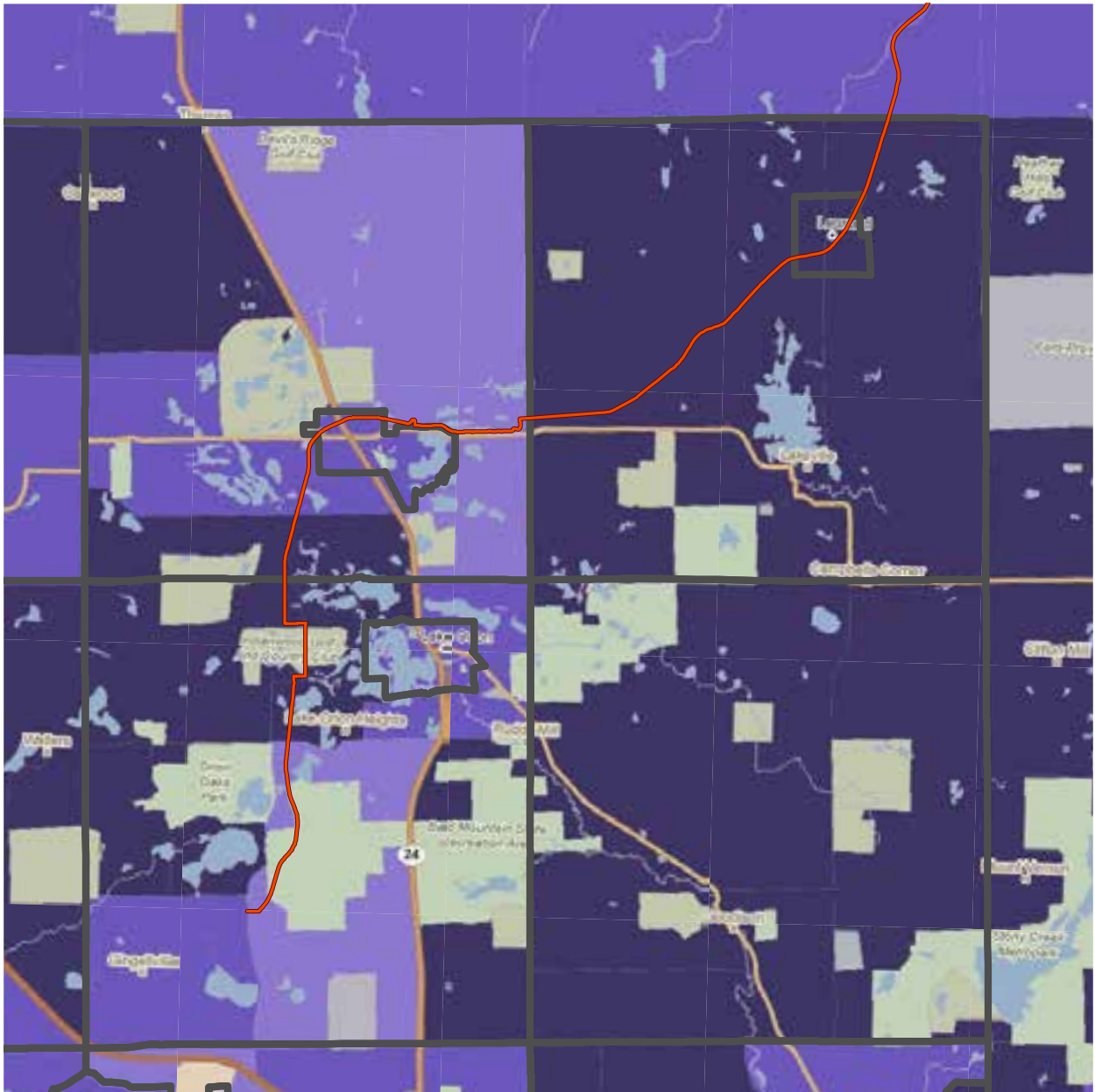
**Change in 5 to 17 year olds**

- Gain in school-age children
- No change to 500 loss
- 501 to 1,000 loss
- 1,001 to 2,000 loss
- More than 2,000 loss

**CHANGE IN SCHOOL-AGE POPULATION**

According to SEMCOG's *Demographic Forecast for 2045*, the area school districts are expected to lose approximately 2,421 school-age children between 2015-2045.

**FIGURE 34. MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME**

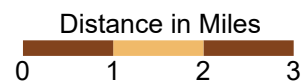


**LEGEND**

**Median Household Income**  
 Year: 2014-2018  
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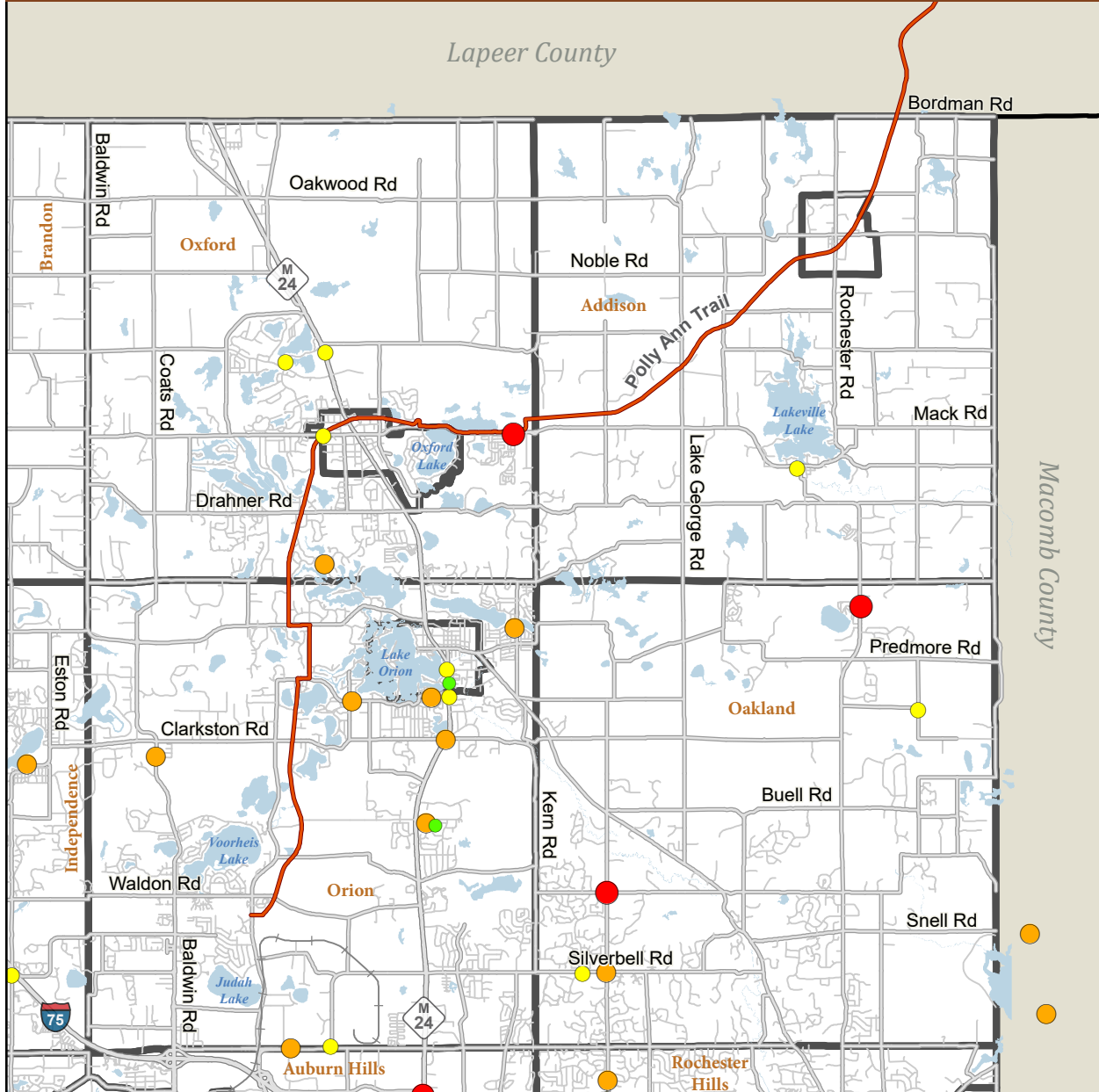
- Insufficient Data
- \$38,900 or less
- \$38,901 - \$50,857
- \$50,858 - \$63,623
- \$63,624 - \$84,699
- \$84,700 or more

Source: Census





# FIGURE 35. BICYCLE CRASHES 2014 - 2018 MAP



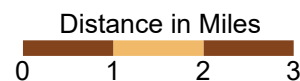
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## Bike Crash Locations

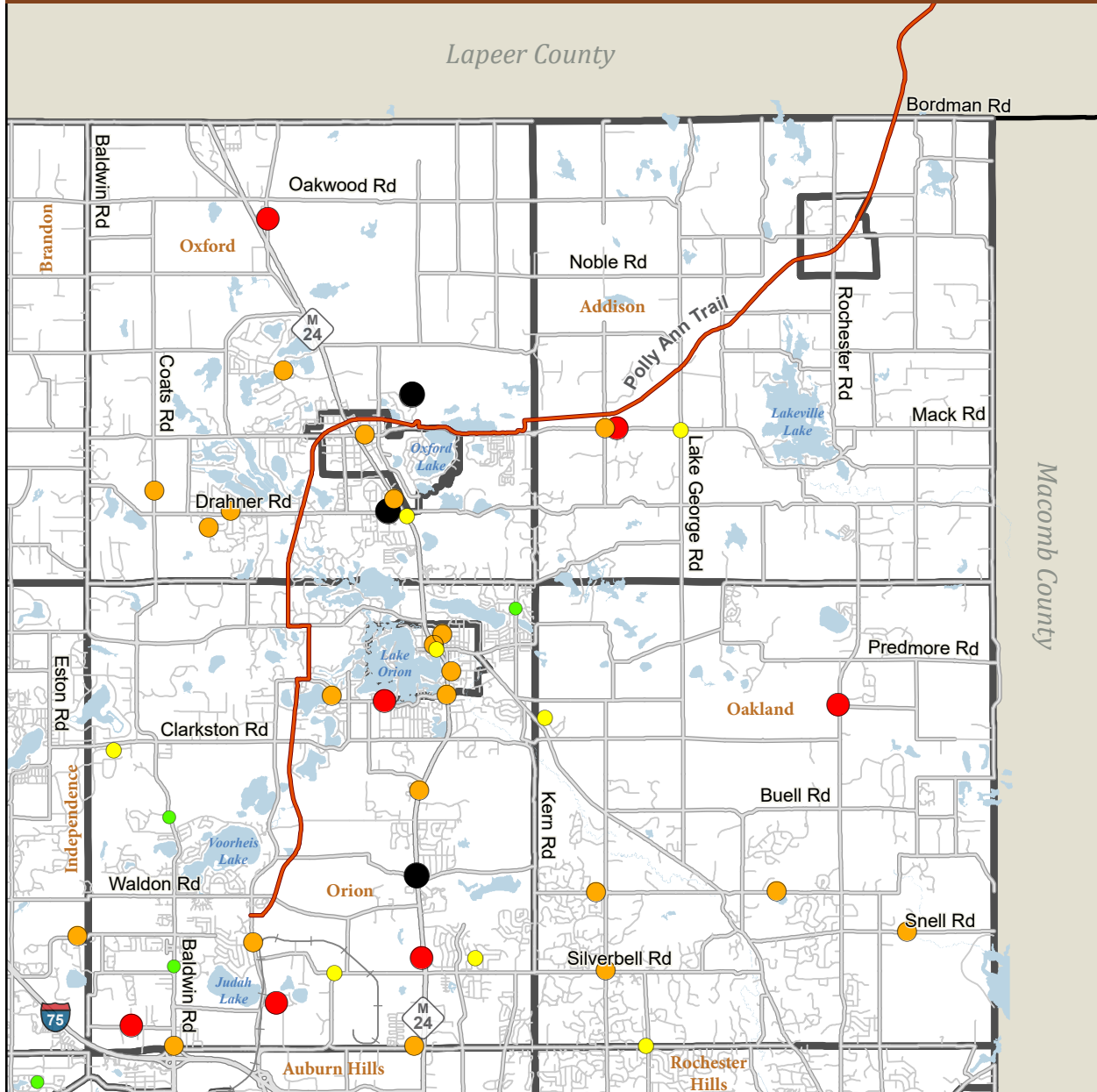
The map above represents locations of reported crashes on roads in Southeast Michigan that involved a cyclists. The data for this map is based on UD-10 Traffic Crash Reports from 2014-2018. More information and UD-10 Traffic Crash Report information can be accessed at: [maps.semcog.org/crashlocations](http://maps.semcog.org/crashlocations)

## LEGEND

- Fatal
- Serious Injury
- Minor Injury
- Possible Injury
- Property Damage



**FIGURE 36. PEDESTRIAN CRASHES 2014 - 2018 MAP**



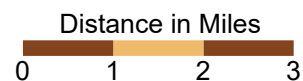
The information provided herewith has been compiled from recorded deeds, plats, tax maps, surveys and other public records. It is not a legally recorded map or survey and is not intended to be used as one. Users should consult the information sources mentioned above when questions arise.

### Pedestrian Crash Locations

The map above represents locations of reported crashes on roads in Southeast Michigan that involved a pedestrian. The data for this map is based on UD-10 Traffic Crash Reports from 2014-2018. More information and UD-10 Traffic Crash Report information can be accessed at: [maps.semcog.org/crashlocations](https://maps.semcog.org/crashlocations)

### LEGEND

- Fatal
- Serious Injury
- Minor Injury
- Possible Injury
- Property Damage



## National Recreation Trends

Recreation trends occurring nationally may provide insight into activities that can be expected to draw a large number of participants and activities that have shown the greatest growth in popularity. The National Sporting Goods Association (NSGA) conducts national surveys that measure activities by participation and percent change from the previous survey. The definition of participation includes those persons seven years and older who have participated in sporting activities at least twice and fitness activities at least six times during the year of the survey.

In 2015, the top ten sports in which people participated were:

- Exercise Walking (106.3 million)
- Exercising with Equipment (56.3 million)
- Swimming (46.3 million)
- Aerobic Exercising (45.1 million)
- Running/Jogging (44.5 million)
- Hiking (42.0 million)
- Camping (Vacation/Overnight) (40.1 million)
- Work Out at Club/Gym/Fitness Studio (36.6 million)
- Bicycle Riding (36.0 million)
- Bowling (35.2 million)

***SOURCE: National Sporting Goods Association  
2016 Edition of the Sports Participation in the US***

**TABLE 9. SPORTS THAT INTEREST NON-PARTICIPANTS**

Interest Level	Ages 6-12	Ages 13-17	Ages 18-24	Ages 25-34	Ages 35-44	Ages 45-54	Ages 55-64	Ages 65+
1	Fishing	Fishing	Camping	Camping	Swimming for Fitness	Bicycling	Bicycling	Fishing
2	Camping	Camping	Fishing	Swimming for Fitness	Camping	Fishing	Fishing	Swimming for Fitness
3	Soccer	Working Out with Wights	Martial Arts	Bicycling	Bicycling	Camping	Swimming for Fitness	Bicycling
4	Martial Arts	Volleyball	Volleyball	Fishing	Fishing	Swimming for Fitness	Camping	Birdwatching/ Wildlife Viewing
5	Basketball	Running/ Jogging	Kayaking	Kayaking	Hiking	Hiking	Hiking	Working Out with Machines
6	Bicycling	Basketball	Canoeing	Volleyball	Working Out with Weights	Working Out with Weights	Working Out with Machines	Hiking
7	Volleyball	Shooting	Shooting	Canoeing	Working Out with Machines	Canoeing	Working Out with Weights	Camping
8	Swimming for Fitness	Working Out with Machines	Swimming for Fitness	Backpacking	Volleyball	Kayaking	Birdwatching/ Wildlife Viewing	Working Out with Weights
9	Swimming on a Team	Swimming for Fitness	Hiking	Working Out with Weights	Backpacking	Working Out with Machines	Canoeing	Fitness Classes
10	Running/ Jogging	Hiking	Bicycling	Hiking	Martial Arts	Backpacking	Shooting	Shooting

**SOURCE: 2019 Physical Activity Council Participation Report**

The Physical Activity Council (PAC) is a collaboration between eight of the major trade associations in US sports, fitness and leisure industries. The PAC produces an annual report that tracks participation in 122 different sports, fitness and recreation activities nationwide and identifies key trends. The table above provides information on the top ten activities by age group that non-participants would be interested in trying.

## Trail Town Program

The Trail Town Program was started in 2007 by The Progress Fund to study the economic impact that bike trail tourism has in communities along the Great Allegheny Passage (GAP). The GAP is a 150-mile multi-use trail between Pittsburgh, PA and Cumberland, MD. As a result, the Trail Town Program has developed a guidebook to assess existing conditions, encourage revitalization by making connections to area trails and promote local tourism. The *Trail Town Guide* contains information on:

- Community assessment checklists
- Obtaining user counts
- Conducting trail user and business surveys
- Designing effective directional and wayfinding signage
- Establishing trail and town branding and identity
- Trail and town connections and basic amenities
- Ways to finance, market and develop a Trail Town

Towns near the Polly Ann Trail like Leonard, Lakeville, Oxford and Lake Orion could all benefit from participating in the Trail Town Program and completing the assessments.



*Towns like the Village of Oxford can use the Polly Ann Trail to leverage local tourism.*

## Related Master Plans

The Polly Ann Trail is part of a much larger effort and plays a key role in the local, regional and statewide trail and open space networks. The most recent versions of the following master plans should also be consulted and used as a resource to help guide future policies and trailway improvements.

### LOCAL

Each of the five member communities of the Polly Ann Trailway Management Council maintain a Parks and Recreation Master Plan and also a Community Master Plan. These locally driven documents are typically updated every five-years and provide a comprehensive overview of current and future land use, demographics, public perceptions and long-term community vision.

### COUNTY

The *Oakland County Trails Master Plan* was first developed in 2008 to provide a framework for creating a connected system of greenways and trails through out the county. The vision for the resulting non-motorized network is to serve a diverse range of users while providing safe and well-maintained linkages to important natural, cultural, and civic destinations and other points of interest within and outside of the county. A copy of the plan can be found at:

[www.oakgov.com/advantageoakland/planning/Pages/trails-pathways.aspx](http://www.oakgov.com/advantageoakland/planning/Pages/trails-pathways.aspx).

### REGION

In 2020, SEMCOG adopted the *Bicycle and Pedestrian Mobility Plan for Southeast Michigan*, which is an update to the 2014 version of the document. The updated plan recognizes the shifting trends in mobility needs and provides guidance on infrastructure, emerging technologies and improving comfort levels for walking and biking in Southeast Michigan. The key concepts that were identified to strengthen regional policies include connectivity, equitable access, safety, healthy lifestyles and sustainability. It should be noted that the Polly Ann Trail was identified as an existing shared-use path that is a part of the Regional Trail Network.

A copy of the plan can be found at: [semcog.org/bicycle-and-pedestrian-mobility](http://semcog.org/bicycle-and-pedestrian-mobility).

### STATE

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is in the process of updating the 2013 *Statewide Trails Plan* and it is anticipated to be complete in 2021. A highlight for the plan is to maintain the state's reputation as being known as "The Trails State" by focusing on the following topic areas: connectivity, outdoor recreation, health and wellness, transportation, sustainability and creating diverse trail experiences. Updates for the new version of the plan can be found at: [michigantrailsplan.org](http://michigantrailsplan.org).

## S.C.O.R.P.

The *2018-2022 Michigan Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan* (SCORP) was also considered before creating goals and objectives for the Polly Ann Trail. The SCORP identified an overall goal to "Protect and manage Michigan's diverse and abundant natural and cultural assets to provide relevant, quality experiences that meet the fun, relaxation, and health needs of Michigan's residents and visitors and support economic prosperity."

The following objectives were identified in the SCORP to meet that overarching goal:

- Foster Stewardship and Conservation
- Improve Collaboration
- Raise Awareness
- Improve Recreational Access
- Provide Quality Experiences
- Enhance Health Benefits
- Enhance Prosperity





### Action Program

Taking the public input, demographics, data and feedback into account, this section identifies goals and objectives for the plan and also converts them into specific action items. Each action item includes a description and estimated time frame for completion.

Goals and objectives were developed to assist in providing direction to the local communities, Polly Ann Trailway Management Council and the Trail Manager. Goals are long-term ideals or end products that are desired to meet the needs of all trail users. Objectives have been developed for each goal to outline more specific actions that will assist in meeting the goal. The goals and objectives are intended to be as important as the action item priorities. They are listed in no particular order of importance or priority.

This chapter of the 5-Year Trailway Master Plan should be reviewed on a regular basis to account for a shift in priorities, updates to funding programs and the ever changing cost of materials, labor and property acquisition.



*Trail user out for a morning bike ride near Scripps Road.*



## GOAL #1: MAINTENANCE + OPERATIONS

Continue to make improvements to the operational efficiencies and maintain the overall quality of the trailway and surrounding natural environment.

Objective	Action Item	Short Term (0-2 years)	Medium Term (3-5 years)	Long Term (5+ years)	Ongoing
<b>MAINTENANCE + OPERATIONS</b>					
<b>OBJECTIVE 1.1</b> Enhance the overall quality, safety and accessibility of trail amenities.	1. Establish an ad-hoc Barrier-Free Evaluation Committee to review and prioritize existing trail infrastructure projects and future renovation projects, events and programming.				■
	2. Develop a trailway management plan to define maintenance schedules, policies, procedures, incident reporting and inspection forms for the trailway and trailheads.	■			
	3. Incorporate Universal Design Principals and sustainable design practices into site plans and future development projects that will improve access and overall longevity of infrastructure, signage and related amenities.				■
<b>OBJECTIVE 1.2</b> Provide adequate staff, funding and resources for trail maintenance.	1. Conduct an inventory of existing and future maintenance equipment needed to safely operate the trail.	■			
	2. Conduct preliminary engineering, provide construction cost estimates and identify phasing of improvements for the following: improve the trailway surface, make necessary road crossing upgrades, install required regulatory signage, improve access at trailheads and install additional wayfinding signage.	■			
	3. Develop a schedule and conduct inspections by qualified personnel on bridges, culverts, traffic control devices, etc.	■			
	4. Prioritize trail improvement projects.	■			
	5. Install a storage facility for trail maintenance equipment.	■			
	6. Conduct an inventory and analysis of member community municipal ordinances and PATMC Policies related to the trail to ensure consistency and overall effectiveness.		■		
<b>OBJECTIVE 1.3</b> Maintain and improve existing green infrastructure, wetlands, mature trees and wildlife habitat.	1. Partner with Oakland County CISMA to create an invasive species management plan.	■			
	2. Work with adjacent land owners and volunteer groups to create an Invasive Species “Strike Team” to provide appropriate invasive control measures at specific locations.				■
	3. Develop a vegetation management schedule with a focus on trees and native landscaping to control overhead vegetation and preserve trail shoulder/side slopes and ditches.		■		

## GOAL #2 PARTNERSHIPS + FUNDING

Seek a variety of funding opportunities that demonstrate fiscal responsibility and enhance the Polly Ann Trail, related amenities and facilities, expand programs, hold new events and engage civic groups to meet unmet needs in the area.

Objective	Action Item	Short Term (0-2 years)	Medium Term (3-5 years)	Long Term (5+ years)	Ongoing
<b>PARTNERSHIPS + FUNDING</b>					
<b>OBJECTIVE 2.1</b> Work with partners to create programming and campaigns that encourage active and healthy lifestyles regardless of age or ability.	1. Work with the Paint Creek Trailways Commission, Friends of the Polly Ann Trail of Lapeer County and local municipalities to develop joint projects, hold events and support the trail resurfacing in Lapeer County to Dryden.				■
	2. Foster relationships with Public and Private schools to seek opportunities for safe routes to school programs.		■		
	3. Coordinate with the Arts Community to determine appropriate locations and install outdoor public art along the trail.		■		
<b>OBJECTIVE 2.2</b> Identify opportunities to share facilities and enhance relationships with other recreational providers, volunteers, businesses and civic groups.	1. Engage with Oakland County Parks and the DNR to explore opportunities to provide services and/or joint programming in nearby Local, County and State Parks.	■			
	2. Partner with NOTA to provide transportation to/from special events on the trail.		■		
	3. Explore the feasibility to create a bike share program and locate stations at key destinations around the member communities.		■		
	4. Use portable counters and keep a record of daily usage at key locations along the trail and at trailheads.	■			
	5. Work with local health care providers, running shops and bike shops to sponsor regular meet-ups on the trail.	■			
	6. Coordinate efforts with first responders, Michigan Mountain Bike Patrol and area health care providers to partner on safe trails.	■			
<b>OBJECTIVE 2.3</b> Leverage funding through local, state, regional and national grants, private foundations and other funders/investors.	1. Explore opportunities for public-private partnerships to assist with trail improvement projects.		■		
	2. Seek funding and grant opportunities to leverage local funds to develop, maintain and improve the trailway.				■
	3. Establish a Maintenance Endowment Fund.			■	

### GOAL #3 AWARENESS + COMMUNICATIONS

Address the needs for creating a line of communication and outreach with community members that will increase awareness of the Polly Ann Trail, programs and volunteer opportunities.

Objective	Action Item	Short Term (0-2 years)	Medium Term (3-5 years)	Long Term (5+ years)	Ongoing
<b>AWARENESS + COMMUNICATIONS</b>					
<p><b>OBJECTIVE 3.1</b></p> <p>Create communications pieces to promote the trail, programs, and special features to build awareness among the communities.</p>	<p>1. Develop social media and website content to promote a Calendar of Events for meet-ups, special events and programs.</p>				■
	<p>2. Develop a “Ride Right” trail etiquette campaign to reduce user conflict, educate trail users about how to interact with horses on the trail, encourage cleaning up after pets/horses and respect everyone using the Polly Ann Trail.</p>	■			
	<p>3. Develop safety materials for the website and public service announcements for ONTV about safely crossing roadways and using traffic control devices.</p>	■			
	<p>4. Establish a “Friends of Polly Ann Trail” group and determine roles, responsibilities and operating structure.</p>	■			
	<p>5. Develop signage and interpretive exhibits for the following: Historic and culturally significant locations, people and events; Trail etiquette; Road crossing safety procedures; Natural resources and invasive species awareness; Educational signage to discourage feeding wildlife (Prickles the Swan/Angel Wing Syndrome); and Wayfinding signage and road names at all trail/roadway intersections.</p>				■
	<p>6. Update web mapping services (such as Bing and Google Maps) to include trailhead locations, available amenities, photos and hours of operation.</p>				■
<p><b>OBJECTIVE 3.2</b></p> <p>Develop a consistent brand and identity.</p>	<p>1. Update trail logo.</p>		■		
	<p>2. Update signage, website and map brochure to include the Iron Belle Trail and Pure Michigan Trail logos.</p>		■		
	<p>3. Create a signage, amenity and wayfinding manual to ensure proper location, sign type, consistent graphics and messaging.</p>	■			

## GOAL #4 CONNECTIVITY + ACCESSIBILITY

Provide trail users with safe, convenient access and design future improvements to be inclusive and accessible and respond to the needs and interests of the surrounding communities.

Objective	Action Item	Short Term (0-2 years)	Medium Term (3-5 years)	Long Term (5+ years)	Ongoing
<b>CONNECTIVITY + ACCESSIBILITY</b>					
<p><b>OBJECTIVE 4.1</b></p> <p>Improve connections between the trail and parks, schools, civic buildings, neighborhoods and commercial areas.</p>	<p>1. Improve trail surface in areas that do not meet current state and federal guidelines to enhance safety, accessibility and usage on the trail.</p>				■
	<p>2. Construct access paths from the trail to all amenities, map kiosks, interpretive displays, trailheads, etc.</p>				■
	<p>3. Create a 31-Mile Loop Trail and link the Polly Ann Trail with the Clinton River Trail and Paint Creek Trail.</p>			■	
	<p>4. Improve the connection to Downtown Oxford from the Larry Obrecht Bridge.</p>		■		
	<p>5. Link the Polly Ann Trail to the soccer fields and Wildwood Amphitheater at Orion Civic Center Park.</p>		■		
	<p>6. Extend the Polly Ann Trail between Baldwin Road and Joslyn Road using the ITC transmission corridor.</p>		■		
	<p>7. Support the trail resurfacing project in Lapeer County from Bordman Road to the Village of Dryden.</p>			■	
	<p>8. Conduct a boundary survey of the Polly Ann Trail property and adjacent parking lot parcels. Identify and resolve any encroachment issues.</p>			■	
	<p>9. Participate in SEMCOG's Southeast Michigan Trails Condition assessment and asset management program.</p>	■			

Objective	Action Item	Short Term (0-2 years)	Medium Term (3-5 years)	Long Term (5+ years)	Ongoing
<p><b>OBJECTIVE 4.2</b></p> <p>Expand opportunities to enhance the overall trail user experience.</p>	1. Work with Orion Township to utilize Camp Agawam for overnight camping/lodging and accommodations.	■			
	2. Partner with the Village of Leonard and determine and implement desired amenities at the Leonard Mill.	■			
	3. Encourage and facilitate discussions with member communities to ensure existing and proposed work within public rights-of-way meets the intention of the Complete Streets movement.				■
	4. Install solar USB charging stations at trailheads.		■		
	5. Offer variety of barrier free and age friendly spaces (playground, gardens, adult fitness stations, etc.).		■		
	6. Identify locations where additional parking, drinking fountains and restrooms/portable restrooms can be added.	■			
	7. Participate in the Trail Town Program and complete assessments.	■			
	8. Install half-mile markers along the trail for increased locational awareness especially for pedestrians.	■			
	9. Create and post site addresses for trailheads and provide information to first responders.	■			

## Potential Funding Sources

### **MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND (MNRTF)**

Funding for the MNRTF is provided by revenue derived from royalties on the sale and lease of state-owned oil, gas and mineral rights and is used for a variety of outdoor recreational improvements including land acquisition. Funding varies from year to year and has been around \$25 million statewide each year over the past three years. Development projects range from \$15,000 to \$300,000 and there are no set limits on acquisition grants. Trust fund grants require a minimum of a 25% match a current parks and recreation master plan. Grant applications are due on April 1<sup>st</sup>

### **DNR RECREATION PASSPORT GRANT PROGRAM (RP)**

The recreation passport program is funded by elective vehicle registration fees and permits. The fund is used for the development of local public recreation facilities, including improvements to non-motorized trails. Grant amounts range from \$7,500 to \$45,000 and require a minimum of a 25% match and current parks and recreation master plan or capital improvement plan. Statewide funding has been averaging about \$1.3 million each year. Grant applications are due on April 1<sup>st</sup>

### **LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND (LWCF)**

The LWCF is actually a federal program administered by the DNR, but is typically viewed as a part of the three key state recreation funds. LWCF grants range between \$30,000 and \$300,000 for development projects. LWCF grants typically award \$1.2 million each year and require a 50% match.

### **RALPH C. WILSON, JR FOUNDATION (RCWJF)**

The RCWJF is a private philanthropic foundation that focuses on investments that improve the quality of life for people in four key areas: Children and Youth, Young Adults and Working Families, Caregivers and Livable Communities. The RCWJF concentrates its giving within Southeast Michigan and Western New York. Southeast Michigan is defined as Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Monroe, Washtenaw, St. Clair and Livingston counties.

### **DTE ENERGY FOUNDATION TREE PLANTING GRANTS**

These funds are geared toward increasing the number of properly planted, established and maintained trees within the service territory of DTE Energy and located on public land or land open to the public. Statewide, the typical annual funding amount available is \$70,000 and grant amounts are up to \$3,000.

### **PEOPLE FOR BIKES**

The People For Bikes Community Grant Program provides funding for important and influential projects that leverage federal funding and build momentum for bicycling in communities across the U.S. These projects include bike paths and rail trails, as well as mountain bike trails, bike parks, BMX facilities and large-scale bicycle advocacy initiatives. Grants up to \$10,000 will be considered and matching funds are highly encouraged.

### **CLEAN MICHIGAN INITIATIVE (CMI)**

The CMI provides funding to implement physical improvements identified in approved watershed management plans that are intended to restore impaired waters and protect high quality waters. Practices must address specific sources of nonpoint source pollution identified by Michigan's Nonpoint Source Program Plan. Physical improvements are structural and vegetative best management practices. Approximately \$1-\$2 million has been available most funding rounds. There is no maximum for proposals submitted. The minimum project amount is \$25,000 and requires a minimum 25% match.

### **RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM (RTP)**

The Recreational Trails Program/Recreation Improvement Fund is administered by the DNR for trails on State land or linked to a trail on State land. The DNR division must always be the applicant, but can be developed as a joint application with a local unit of government. Applications are typically due in June of each year. Additional information can be found on the DNR-Grants website.

### **TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP)**

In Michigan, most pedestrian and bicycle improvements have been traditionally funded through the Transportation Alternatives Program, or Transportation Enhancements as they were known under the previous federal transportation bills. Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) and Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) have set allocations of funding, however they use the same application process, coordinate on funding and sometimes jointly fund projects.

### **CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY (CMAQ)**

In Michigan, most CMAQ funds have traditionally gone to traffic signal optimization projects due to the way projects are currently evaluated in the state. However, pedestrian and bicycle projects that are not exclusively recreational are specifically mentioned as typically eligible along with bike lanes on existing streets. If there is a safety component of the proposed project this allows a 100 percent federal share of the project. Also, construction engineering costs of up to 15% of the construction costs may be considered. The call for local CMAQ projects corresponds to MDOT and SEMCOG's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) development schedule. This funding source will require substantial work with the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC), SEMCOG and MDOT.

### **PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS (P3)**

P3 is any partnership between a government agency and private-sector company that can spark reinvestment in linear parks.

### **SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL (SRTS)**

In Michigan, the Safe Routes to School program is administered by MDOT in collaboration with the Michigan Fitness Foundation. Total infrastructure grant amounts vary greatly each year, but tend to average a little over \$4 million a year since 2008. The SRTS program uses the same application process as the Transportation Alternatives Program and they are accepted on a rolling basis. There are multiple award rounds made each year. Schools or school districts seeking funding are required to develop a safe routes to school plan, which is a fairly involved process.

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS (CDBG)**

CDBG grants originate with the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and are administered in Oakland County through Oakland County's Economic Development & Community Affairs Division. The program targets activities that benefit low and moderate income individuals.

### **DEDICATED MILLAGE**

Local municipalities can levy a dedicated tax for recreation and pathway purposes. Because the levying of a new or increased millage typically requires a popular vote, a community marketing campaign is often necessary to demonstrate the benefits to the community.

### **PRIVATE DONATIONS**

Donations can be obtained from local citizens, businesses, philanthropic foundations and other groups given in the form of cash donations, material donations, technical services, advertising, etc.

### **PATRONICITY**

Patronicity has partnered with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) to create the Public Spaces Community Places initiative. This collaborative effort allows municipalities and non-profits to submit community-based projects and use crowdfunding to leverage funds. If the campaign is successful in raising funds, the project will be backed with a matching grant from MEDC of up to \$50,000.

### **KABOOM!**

KaBOOM! is a national non-profit dedicated to bringing balanced and active play into the daily lives of all kids, particularly those growing up in poverty in America.

### **SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT**

A Special Assessment District can be created by local communities and requires an official petition, with estimated project costs, to be signed by the majority of property owners in the proposed Special Assessment District. Annual payments are collected in the tax bill from residents within the Special Assessment District. The property owners benefit from reduced project costs and the lower interest rates that the local government can obtain.

### **RALPH C. WILSON JR. TRAILS MAINTENANCE FUND**

The Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Trails Maintenance Fund is a \$10 million endowment that was created to provide funding support to already developed trails and greenways in Southeast Michigan. Grant amounts range from \$50,000 to \$400,000 and the grant program is administered by the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan.





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# Appendix A: PATMC Interlocal Agreement

## **INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT TOWNSHIPS OF ORION, OXFORD, ADDISON, VILLAGES OF OXFORD AND LEONARD AGREEMENT WITH THE POLLY ANN TRAILWAY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL, INC.**

THIS INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT (the "Agreement") is entered into pursuant to the Urban Cooperation Act of 1967, 1967 PA 7, as amended ("Act 7"). MCL 124.501 et. seq. And Part 721 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended ("Act 451"), MCL 324.72101 et. seq., by and between the Townships of Orion, Oxford, and Addison; the Villages of Oxford and Leonard (the "Parties"), for the purpose of establishing and providing for the powers and duties of the POLLY ANN TRAILWAY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL, INC. (the "COUNCIL"). Each of the Parties is a "governmental agency", as that term is defined in Act 451, and a "public Agency", as that term is defined in Act 7, with the power to carry out the programs described in this Agreement. The Parties have each determined that the Parties will be able to provide the trailway programs described in this Agreement on a more cost effective basis if the Parties carry out such programs jointly.

### **SECTION 1: ESTABLISHMENT AND PURPOSE**

There is hereby established a separate legal entity to be known as the Polly Ann Trailway Management Council (the "Council") for the purpose of administering this Agreement. The Council shall be a public body corporate having the powers functions and duties provided in this agreement, for the purpose of operating and maintaining that portion of 1 or more Michigan trailways located on state owned land pursuant to an agreement entered into under section 72105 of Act 451 of 1994, (MCL 324.72105) between the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (the "DNR") and the Council.

### **SECTION 2: MEMBERSHIP**

MEMBER UNITS to the COUNCIL shall be those Parties who are signatories to this Agreement. The COUNCIL shall be considered an established public corporation when two local governments of the Parties named above have entered into this Agreement. Subsequent to the effective date of the COUNCIL, other local governments, whether or not named above, may become MEMBER UNITS by entering into this agreement. The COUNCIL may require, as a condition of membership, a fair share contribution agreement between the COUNCIL and any proposed MEMBER UNIT, if the COUNCIL determines that such agreement is necessary to provide fair allocation of costs among present and proposed MEMBER UNITS. All local governments who are signatories to this agreement shall have full MEMBER UNIT status in accordance with this agreement. This agreement and any agreement entered into or obligation incurred by any MEMBER UNIT in accordance with this agreement, shall be binding upon that MEMBER UNIT'S successor in interest, if any.

## SECTION 3: GOVERNANCE

### A. COUNCIL

1. The COUNCIL shall be composed of two (2) persons from each of the MEMBER UNIT townships (Addison Township, Charter Township of Orion, and Charter Township of Oxford), and one (1) one person from each of the MEMBER UNIT villages (Village of Leonard, and Village of Oxford) of which shall be a member of the MEMBER UNIT's governing body, or the Village Manager in the case of the Village of Leonard or Village of Oxford ; and one (1) non-voting citizen at large who shall be a resident of a MEMBER UNIT. The governing body of each MEMBER UNIT shall, by resolution, appoint its representative(s). The non-voting citizen at large shall be appointed by the duly appointed MEMBER UNIT council representatives.
2. At least once every two years, each MEMBER UNIT shall certify to the COUNCIL the persons appointed pursuant to Section 3, A, 1.
3. Councilpersons shall serve at the pleasure of their MEMBER UNIT and may be removed by resolution of their MEMBER UNIT governing board at any time with or without cause. Councilpersons who are members of a MEMBER UNIT governing board shall not serve beyond their term on the governing board, unless the other Councilperson from that MEMBER UNIT is then a member of that MEMBER UNIT'S governing board. The non-voting citizen at large shall serve a two (2) year term, commencing from the date of appointment.
4. Any vacancy on the COUNCIL arising for any reason shall be filled by appointment of the MEMBER UNIT governing board that made the original appointment, within forty-five (45) days of the vacancy, for the remainder of the unexpired term. A MEMBER UNIT shall certify to the COUNCIL persons appointed pursuant to this paragraph. A vacancy for any reason in the non-voting citizen at large position shall be filled by the COUNCIL within forty-five (45) days of the vacancy.
5. Each MEMBER UNIT governing board may also appoint alternate councilpersons who shall serve with full privileges and duties in the absence of the regular councilpersons.
6. The COUNCIL shall adopt Bylaws pursuant to the purpose and activities of this agreement and consistent with this Inter Local Agreement.

**B. OFFICERS**

1. The COUNCIL shall elect from its membership a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, and such other officers as it may deem appropriate, who shall serve terms of one (1) year commencing January 1st, except for the officers first elected who shall serve that fraction of the calendar year between COUNCIL selection and December 31st.
2. Officers shall serve at the pleasure of the COUNCIL and may be removed by resolution at any time.
3. Vacancies in any office shall be filled by COUNCIL election within thirty (30) days of the vacancy, for the remainder of the unexpired term.
4. The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the COUNCIL and shall have all privileges and duties of a councilperson. The Vice Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the COUNCIL at which the Chairperson is absent. The Secretary shall keep or cause to be made all non-financial reports, records and minutes required by this agreement of applicable law and shall be charged with assuring compliance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act and the Michigan Freedom of Information Act. The Treasurer shall have custody of all COUNCIL funds which shall be deposited, invested, and/or disbursed by the Treasurer as directed by the COUNCIL. The Treasurer shall be charged with assuring complete financial records and reports as required by this agreement or applicable law or contract provisions.

**SECTION 4: MEETINGS**

**A. SCHEDULE/CALL OF MEETINGS**

1. The COUNCIL shall meet at least quarterly and shall annually establish a regular meeting schedule which shall be posted at the offices of the MEMBER UNIT governing boards in similar form and within similar times as required by law for governmental meeting schedules.
2. Special meetings of the COUNCIL may be called by the Chairperson, or in the absence of the Chairperson, by the Vice Chairperson.

**B. NOTICE**

Each councilperson shall receive five (5) days written notice of all regular meetings. All notices of all meetings shall also be posted as required by the Michigan Open Meetings Act.

C. VOTING

A majority vote of the COUNCIL shall be necessary to take any official action at a regular or special meeting, provided that only those items on the agenda may be acted upon, and provided that only bills which represent budgeted expenses may be approved. A majority of the COUNCIL, appointed and serving, shall constitute a quorum in such cases.

Bills which represent expenses not previously included in the budget may only be approved by a quorum including at least one member of each governmental unit.

D. MINUTES

Complete written minutes of all COUNCIL meetings shall be kept in compliance with applicable provisions of the Michigan Open Meetings Act. Copies of minutes shall be prepared within the time period established by the Open Meetings Act and sent to all councilpersons and the chairpersons of MEMBER UNIT governing boards as soon as reasonably possible following their preparation.

E. RULES

Roberts Rules of Order, as last revised, when not in conflict with this agreement or written standing rules the COUNCIL may adopt, shall serve as the parliamentary authority for all COUNCIL meetings.

**SECTION 5: POWERS**

A. GENERAL POWERS

The COUNCIL shall have the following powers, authority and obligations:

1. Purchase, lease, receive, acquire, hold title in, trade, sell, lease or rent to others, dispose of, divide, distribute, own or exercise right of dominion over, all or part of any land, and any improvements thereon, within the railroad right of way described in Appendix A which is hereby incorporated and made part of this agreement. The COUNCIL may exercise the aforesaid powers over other land only upon consent of the governing board of the MEMBER UNIT in whose jurisdiction such land lies. The disposition of land acquired with aid from state or federal funds shall have the approval of the state or federal agency involved, if required by the agency. All property, real or personal, of the COUNCIL shall be used solely for the purposes stated in this agreement.

2. Improve, build, maintain and operate public trails, access sites and appropriate structures on COUNCIL land.

3. Contract or cooperate with other governmental units, public agencies, or private parties, as-appropriate, to carry out COUNCIL functions or fulfill COUNCIL obligations.
4. Contract a director and such other personnel as it may determine necessary who shall serve at the pleasure of the COUNCIL subject to applicable law.
5. Accept funds, voluntary work, or other assistance to carry out COUNCIL functions or obligations, from any source, public or private, including, but not limited to, to local governmental funding of specific projects, state or federal grants, and private donations. A complete record of all funds received from any source shall be maintained and made part of the annual financial report.
6. Establish policies or rules governing use of COUNCIL land or facilities not inconsistent with state or local law.
7. Recommend local ordinance provisions to MEMBER UNITS, as necessary to provide for the safety of the public utilizing DNR and/or COUNCIL land or facilities.
8. Make claims for federal or state aid payable to the individual or several MEMBER UNITS or the COUNCIL as may be available and appropriate to carry out COUNCIL functions.

**B. LIABILITY COVERAGE**

The COUNCIL shall purchase public liability insurance covering any cause of action, claim, damage, accident, injury or liability that may arise as a result of the ownership, construction, maintenance or operation of the land, public trails, access sites or other facilities of the COUNCIL. The COUNCIL purchasing such insurance shall name the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the MEMBER UNITS as additionally named insureds.

**C. REPORTS**

The COUNCIL shall, at least annually, make a full and complete report of all of its activities to the governing boards of all MEMBER UNITS.

**D. LIMITATIONS**

The COUNCIL shall have no power or authority to:

1. Levy any tax in its own name or, except as provided in MCL 124.507(4), Issue any bonds in its own name.
2. Indebt any MEMBER UNIT in any way except as provided in this agreement.

3. Condemn any land for any purpose.

## **SECTION 6: FINANCES**

### **A. FISCAL YEAR**

The fiscal year of the COUNCIL shall be from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **B. OPERATIONAL AND PROJECT BUDGET**

The COUNCIL shall each year develop an operational budget which shall be limited to meeting, postage, document or accounting costs, and similar basic costs. This budget shall include personnel, engineering, legal, land purchase or lease, or any development or maintenance costs incurred or to be incurred by the COUNCIL.

### **C. COUNCILPERSON REIMBURSEMENT**

Each councilperson shall serve with no compensation from the COUNCIL for COUNCIL meetings actually attended.

### **D. FINANCIAL AUDITS/REPORTS**

The Treasurer shall make or cause to be made a full and complete financial report to MEMBER UNITS of all the COUNCIL'S financial transactions and affairs at the end of each financial year. Said report may include a complete audit by a certified public accountant. State and federal audit requirements shall be fully met as applicable. MEMBER UNITS shall have the right, at their expense, to conduct such additional audits as they deem necessary or appropriate.

## **SECTION 7: TERMINATION/DISSOLUTION**

### **A. MEMBER UNIT TERMINATION**

A MEMBER UNIT may terminate its membership only: 1) upon ninety (90) days written notice to the COUNCIL and termination shall be effective only upon the elapse of the ninety (90) days written notice to the COUNCIL and termination shall be effective only upon the elapse of the sixty (60) days. If a MEMBER UNIT terminates its membership, all COUNCIL MEMBER UNITS terminating its membership shall remain liable for all obligations incurred by it pursuant to this agreement and prior to actual termination. A MEMBER UNIT terminating its membership under subsection 2 shall remain liable for all obligations incurred by it pursuant to this agreement and prior to actual termination, but shall not be liable for financial obligations established by the COUNCIL'S new fiscal year budget request triggering the MEMBER UNIT'S termination.

## B. COUNCIL DISSOLUTION

If all or all but one of the MEMBER UNITS terminates their membership, the COUNCIL shall be considered dissolved.

1. Upon dissolution, the trailways property and any improvements thereon located within the boundaries of each former MEMBER UNIT shall revert to ownership by that unit of the Government, upon such terms and conditions as are to be agreed upon by the Member Units. Each Unit of Government shall be responsible to uphold the following provisions:
  - A) The trailways property and the improvements thereon shall remain open for public recreational use in perpetuity;
  - B) No prohibitions, impediments or blockages shall be made to the free passage of the trailways of legitimate trail users;
  - C) The use of the trailways and improvements thereon shall remain subject to all applicable deed restrictions and all applicable state provisions imposed by law or contract.
2. After dissolution, if any former MEMBER UNIT fails to uphold any of the provisions named in Section 7 (B) (1) above, any of the other former MEMBER UNITS shall have cause to enforce compliance with said provision(s), provided however that failure to seek enforcement of any provision shall not constitute a waiver.

## SECTION 8: AMENDMENTS

This agreement may be amended in whole or in any part by the written agreement of the governing boards of all MEMBER UNITS.

## SECTION 9: STATE APPROVAL

As soon as reasonably practicable after the effective date of this agreement, this agreement shall be officially submitted to the Office of the Governor for approval pursuant to the Urban Cooperation Act of 1967.

## SECTION 10: APPLICABLE LAWS

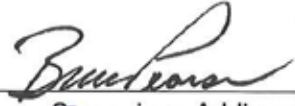
The COUNCIL shall in all activities fully comply with applicable local, state and federal laws and regulations and with applicable grant conditions or contract provisions.

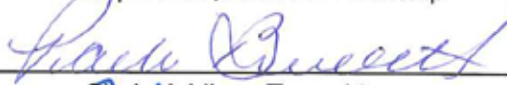


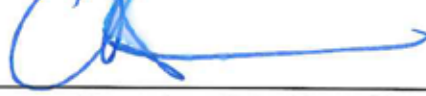
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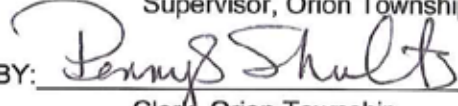
This agreement shall be in full force and effect and the COUNCIL shall be considered in effect as an operating public corporation as provided in Section 2 above, which date shall be noted as the second date in time indicated below.


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the authorized representatives of the MEMBER UNITS have signed the agreement on the dates indicated below.

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Supervisor, Addison Township

DATE: 3-17-2020 BY:   
Clerk, Addison Township

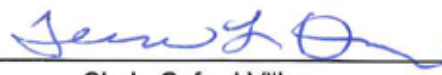
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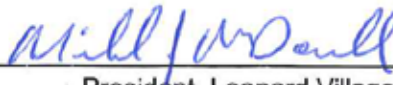
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DATE: 3-17-2020 BY:   
Supervisor, Oxford Township

DATE: 3/17/2020 BY:   
Clerk, Oxford Township

EFFECTIVE  
DATE: 7/16/2020 BY:   
President, Oxford Village

DATE: 7/15/2020 BY:   
Clerk, Oxford Village

EFFECTIVE  
DATE: 3/17/2020 BY:   
President, Leonard Village

DATE: 3/17/2020 BY:   
Clerk, Leonard Village

# Appendix B: Polly Ann Trailway Management Council Bylaws

## BYLAWS OF POLLY ANN TRAILWAY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL, INC.

### ARTICLE I

#### Name

Section 1. Name of the Organization. The name of the Organization shall be the Polly Ann Trailway Management Council, Inc. (the “Organization”).

### ARTICLE II

#### Purposes and Activities

Section 1. Purpose of the Organization.

A. The Organization is established for public and charitable purposes as described in Section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code); namely to develop and maintain a recreational trail in Oakland County, Michigan between Joslyn Road (south of Waldon Road) in Orion Township and Boardman Road in Addison Township, utilizing the abandoned G.T.W. railroad right-of-way, (the “Polly Ann Trail”).

B. To enter into any activity, do any and all acts consistent with and complementary to operating the Polly Ann Trail and in furtherance of the purposes set forth herein.

Section 2. Restrictions on Activities.

A. The Organization will at all times be conducted as an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Code. The Organization will not carry on any activities which are not permitted to be carried on by (a) a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, (b) a corporation eligible to receive tax deductible contributions under Section 170(c) and Section 2055, Section 2522 or Section 2106 of the Code.

B. No part of the assets or net earnings of the Organization may inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its Council members, officers, or other private persons; provided, however, that the Organization is authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of its charitable purposes.

C. No substantial part of the activities of the Organization will be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. The Organization will not participate or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office and will not publish or distribute statements relating to political campaigns.

### ARTICLE III

#### Council

Section 1. Governance. The property, business and affairs of the Organization will be managed by a governing council (the “Council”).

Section 2. Powers and Duties of the Council.

A. The Council will have all powers and duties as described in Section 5, subsection A of the Interlocal Agreement to Establish the Polly Ann Trailway Management Council, Inc. (the “Agreement”) by and among the Townships of Orion, Oxford and Addison and the Villages of Oxford and Leonard dated September 19, 1997, and the Agreement as amended dated March 17, 2020, which amended Agreement is attached hereto as Attachment A, subject to the limitations set forth in Section 5, Subsection D of the Agreement.

B. The Council may establish committees as the Council deems appropriate. The committees will have the authority as delegated to them by the Council.

Section 3. Number, Selection and Term of Office. The number, selection and term of office of Council members will be as described in Section 3, subsection A of the Agreement.

Section 4. Meetings. Council meetings will be held as provided in Section 4, subsection A of the Agreement.

Section 5. Special Meetings. Special meetings will be held as provided in Section 4, subsection A of the Agreement.

Section 6. Notice of Meetings. Notice of all regular meetings of the Council will be given as provided in Section 4, subsection B of the Agreement. Notice of a regular meeting need not state the purpose or purposes of the meeting nor the business to be transacted at the meeting. Written notice of all special meetings will be given not less than two days before the special meeting. Notice of a special meeting must state the purpose or purposes of the meeting.

Attendance of a Council member at a meeting constitutes a waiver of notice of the meeting, except where the Council member attends the meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business because the meeting was not lawfully called or convened.

Section 7. Conduct at Meetings. The meetings of the Council will be conducted as provided in Section 3, subsection B (4) of the Agreement.

Section 8. Quorum and Voting. The quorum and voting requirements of the Council will be as provided in Section 4, subsection C of the Agreement.

Section 9. Resignation, Removal and Vacancies. A Council member may resign by written notice to the Organization. The resignation will be effective upon its receipt by the Organization or a subsequent time as set forth in the notice of resignation. A Council member may be removed as provided in Section 3, subsection A of the Agreement. A Council member may also be removed, either with or without cause, by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Council members then in office.

If a vacancy has occurred among the members of the Council, the vacancy will be filled as provided in Section 3, subsection A of the Agreement.

## ARTICLE IV

### Officers

Section 1. Election, Appointment and Length of Service. The election or appointment of officers and the length of Service of the officers will be as provided in Section 3, subsection B of the Agreement.

Section 2. The Chairperson/President. The Chairperson of the Council will also be President of the Organization and will have general and active management of the activities of the Organization. The President will see that all orders and resolutions of the Council are carried into effect. The President will execute all authorized conveyances, contracts or other obligations in the name of the Organization except where required by law to be otherwise signed and executed and except where the signing and execution is expressly delegated by the Council members to some other person. The President will preside at meetings of the Council.

Section 3. The Vice Chairperson. The Vice Chairperson will, in the absence of the Chairperson, exercise all powers normally vested in the Chairperson and will perform any other duties prescribed by the Council or the Chairperson. In his or her absence, the Council members present at the meeting will designate another presiding officer.

Section 4. The Secretary. In addition to the duties set forth in Section 3, subsection B of the Agreement, the Secretary will attend all meetings of the Council and record the minutes of all proceedings in a book to be kept for that purpose. The Secretary will perform any other duties prescribed by the Council.

Section 5. The Treasurer. In addition to the duties set forth in Section 3, subsection B of the Agreement, the Treasurer will oversee the financial activities of the Organization. The Treasurer will perform all duties incident to the office of Treasurer and other administrative duties as may be prescribed by the Council. All books, papers, vouchers, money and other property of whatever kind belonging to the Organization which are in the Treasurer's possession or under his or her control will be returned to the Organization at the time of his or her death, resignation or removal from office.

Section 6. Term of Office. The term of office for all officers will be as provided in Section 3, subsection B of the Agreement.

An officer may resign by written notice to the Organization. The resignation will be effective upon its receipt by the Organization and acceptance by the Council, or at a subsequent time specified in the notice of the resignation and upon its acceptance by the Council.

## ARTICLE V

### Financial Procedures and Restrictions on Transactions

Section 1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year will be as provided in Section 6, subsection A of the Agreement.

Section 2. Financial Audits/Reports. A financial report will be prepared at the end of each fiscal year as provided in Section 6, subsection C of the Agreement.

Section 3. Conflicts of Interest.

A. Disclosure. When a Council member or an officer is affiliated with and organization seeking to provide services or facilities to the Organization, or when a Council member or officer has any duality of interest or possible conflict of interest, real or apparent, such affiliation or conflict of interest should be disclosed to the Council and made a matter of record, either when the interest becomes a matter of Council action or as part of a periodic procedure to be established by the Council. An affiliation with an organization will be considered to exist when a Council member or officer or a member of his or her immediate family or a blood relative is an officer, director, trustee, partner, employee or agent of the organization, or has any other substantial interest or dealings with the organization.

B. Voting. Any Council member or officer having a duality of interest or possible conflict of interest on any matter should not vote or use his or her personal influence on the matter, and should not be counted in determining a quorum for the meeting at which the matter is voted upon, even though permitted by law. The Council should obtain and rely on appropriate comparability data, when appropriate. The minutes of the meeting should reflect that the disclosure was made, that the interested Council member abstained from voting, that his or her presence was not counted in determining a quorum, and that comparability data was considered.

C. Statement of Position. The foregoing requirements should not be construed to prevent a Council member or officer from stating his or her position on the matter under consideration, nor from answering questions of other Council members relating to the matter.

## ARTICLE VI

### Indemnification

Section 1. Indemnification. The Organization will, to the fullest extent now or hereafter permitted by law, indemnify any Councilperson or officer of the Corporation (and, to the extent provided in a resolution of the Council or by contract, may indemnify any volunteer, employee or agent of the Organization) who was or is a party to or threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit or proceeding by reason of the fact that the person is or was a Councilperson, officer, volunteer, employee or agent of the Organization, or is or was serving at the request of the Organization as a director, trustee, officer, partner, volunteer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, whether for profit or not for profit, against expenses including attorneys' fees (which expenses may be paid by the Organization in advance of a final disposition of the action, suit or proceeding as provided by law), judgments, penalties, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with the action, suit or proceeding if the person acted (or refrained from acting) in good faith and in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Organization, and with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, if the person had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful.

## ARTICLE VII

### Dissolution

Section 1. Dissolution. If all or all but one of the parties to the Agreement terminates their membership in the Organization, the Organization will be dissolved as Set forth in Section 7, subsection B of the Agreement; namely, the trailways property and any improvements thereon located within the boundaries of each former member unit shall revert to ownership by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, upon Such terms and conditions as are to be agreed upon by the Council and the Department of Natural Resources. Any remaining assets will be distributed for public or charitable purposes described in Section 501 (C) (3) of the Code consistent with the purposes for which the Organization was established.

## ARTICLE VIII

### Amendments

Section 1. Amendment of Bylaws. The Bylaws may be amended by an action of the Council as provided for in Section 4, subsection C of the Agreement.



## Appendix C: History

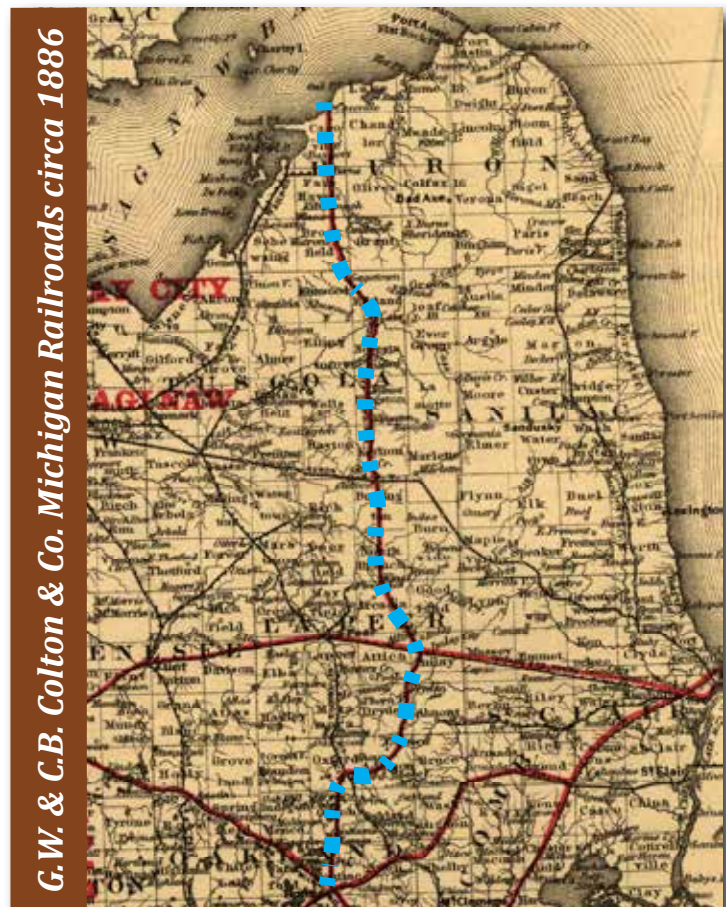
As with many rail lines, the 'Polly Ann' had its roots firmly planted in the heyday of railroading, which began at the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad in 1869. The 'golden spike' event caused a huge investment fad that lasted for two decades. Railroads were the future in transportation and a necessity to further the growth of a community. At that time, the majority of the roads were dirt and gravel, which meant carriages were often a rugged and dirty form of transportation. The supply of goods to merchants and all mail delivery were often delayed, sometimes for days on end.

A local doctor, John T. Stanton of Oxford, teamed up with a Toledo investor, James Ashley (who had the dubious honor of being fired by President Grant from the position of Governor of the Montana Territory), to build a rail line from the growing town of Pontiac up to the rich timberlands of the Michigan thumb area. The line was actually first incorporated in 1879, as the Pontiac, Oxford and Port Austin Railroad Company. The investors however, soon ran out of funding, so Dr. Stanton went to New York in search of more money. There, he found J.P. Hale, manufacturer of the commercial piano, who invested \$1.5 million.

In 1881, before construction began, a huge fire devastated the thumb area. One report said that the fire burned 2,000 square miles, killed 280 people and left 15,000 homeless. Newspapers of the time are quoted as saying "enough is already known to warrant the assertion that a more terrible disaster never visited a community in a time of peace."

The idea of harvesting timber in the area literally went up in smoke. The positive aspect in all the devastation however was that the land was now cleared. People living in the area before the fire grumbled that there were just too many trees for farming. The fire opened up the land.

Since funds were available, the investors decided to plow ahead, though they changed the terminus point from Port Austin to Caseville. On October 8, 1883, the first passenger train departed Pontiac headed for Caseville. There is no mention of how many people were on-board, but great numbers and fanfare met the train at every stop along the route.



The line struggled and never became profitable. Hale died in 1883 and his lawyer, Hugh Porter later bought the line for \$600,000, a fraction of the original cost, to settle the estate. In 1889, Porter renamed the line, Pontiac, Oxford, & Northern, which was abbreviated as the P.O. & N. It is easy to see how the name 'Polly Ann' derived from these initials. One account had this to say, "It was dubbed the 'Polly Ann', sometimes affectionately, often because of its questionable service, schedule delays, heavy snows that would stall trains for days, and motive power breakdowns. Porter was not able to manage the line into profitability either and began to write himself large checks, so by the turn of the century, the line went into receivership. Grand Trunk Western (GTW), with only \$400,000 invested, finally took over the line in 1909.

Outside of Pontiac, the communities serviced were all so sparsely populated, passengers never reached sufficient numbers to support the line. The fertile farmland, known for its wheat, bean, and sugar beet crops contributed valuable tonnage to the railroad. It was said that there was always a free bag of beans to be had by the train's crew whenever they had to layover. The term 'out to beans' became synonymous with 'out to lunch'. Revenue continued to decline, so in 1932, service reduced to 'tri-weekly mixed', mixing passenger and freight service on the same train, three days a week. With all the freight and mail stops along the way, passengers were in for a long day aboard the Polly Ann rail line, a fact that continued to erode passenger service.

Oxford had the world's largest gravel mines, which were the source of carloads for the Grand Trunk Western. This regular assigned job was known as the 'mud run' during the 1930s and 1940s. The gravel was used for road construction and for the runways at nearby Selfridge Air Force Base. By the 1950s, the run became an extra, and was called the 'Gravel Extra'. A man assigned to the 'Gravel Extra' could count on a continuous 16-hour duty. Law prescribed 16 hours as the maximum duty time allowable.

The P. O. & N. picked up a new nickname, 'Poor, Old, & Neglected'. Mixed service was discontinued in 1955 when the line went freight only. By 1959, diesel was everywhere except the GTW Cass Subdivision of which the Polly Ann was a part. The 'poor old line' was the very last to receive new motive power. This was great for train bugs, as the line offered a final opportunity to witness and photograph steam engines that were long gone from most other areas. On March 27, 1960, steam was finally replaced with diesel. The last train to service the full length of the line was on February 9, 1984. Grand Trunk Western Railroad agreed to sell the railroad corridor to the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources. A federal grant was awarded in 1993 and was matched by the DNR that same year providing more than \$728,000 to purchase the corridor from GTW.

The remains of the Polly Ann corridor lay quietly in various states of passive use until formal development began in 1997 via the Polly Ann Trailway Management Council. Preservation of the corridor is owed to the very hard work and foresight of dedicated local residents who envisioned the value this resource would provide to the increasingly densely populated area. Once 'Poor, Old, & Neglected', the Polly Ann Trail has been transformed into a precious local resource for recreation, physical and social connections, and green space linkages.

*~Adapted from the writings of Larry Rumley, Janine Saputo, and Rex Halfpenny.~*

## Appendix D: Summary of Events + Accomplishments

1883	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First passenger train from Pontiac to Caseville departs on October 8</li> </ul>
1881	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paint Creek Trail Commission is formed (first non-motorized rail-trail in Michigan)</li> </ul>
1984	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Last train runs to service the full length of the line on February 9</li> </ul>
1986	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rails to Trails Conservancy is formed</li> </ul>
1988	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Michigan Chapter of the Rails to Trails Conservancy is formed</li> </ul>
1991	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pauline Blanka invites Rex &amp; Mary Halfpenny, Chris &amp; Tom Podsiadlik, and Sue Senyk to speak to Oakland County Commissioner Larry Obrecht at her kitchen table with the idea of a creating a trail on the P.O. &amp; N. Railroad</li> </ul>
1993	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Landowners along P.O. &amp; N. Railroad oppose trail and file lawsuit</li> </ul>
1995	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Addison Township Friends of the Polly Ann Trail pass out literature at the Leonard Strawberry Festival to gain support and raise the awareness on the benefits of the Polly Ann Trail</li> <li>• Construction begins on 1.9 miles of Polly Ann Trail in the Village of Oxford</li> </ul>
1997	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Michigan Supreme Court declined to hear appeal from landowners along P.O. &amp; N. Railroad</li> <li>• Oxford appoints Curtis Wright and Ron Davis to Polly Ann Trail Commission on July 23</li> <li>• Michigan DNR MNRTF grants \$728,000 to purchase 12.2 miles of Grand Trunk Railroad property (Polly Ann Trail is owned by Michigan DNR) August 24</li> <li>• Michigan DNR grants \$58,000 per year for the next three years to operate and manage the trail (Polly Ann Trail is managed by Polly Ann Trail Management Council)</li> <li>• Polly Ann Trail Management Council interlocal agreement is established between Orion Township, Addison Township, Oxford Township, Village of Oxford, and Village of Leonard on September 19</li> </ul>

1998	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Polly Ann Trail Management Council meeting held in April</li> <li>• Polly Ann Trail Management Council members include: Curtis Wright, Tom Athans, Rex Halfpenny, Richard DiCea, Colette Dywasuk, Robert Koski, Ron Davis, Eugene Mallia, Jim Marleau, Pauline Blanka, and Ed Brakefield</li> <li>• Polly Ann Trail Management Council obtains 501(c)3 non-profit status</li> <li>• County Weekend &amp; Weekday Alternative for Misdemeanants (WWAM) program joins Polly Ann Trail as a critical maintenance and development tool</li> <li>• Polly Ann Trail holds Grand Opening Event</li> </ul>
1999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Polly Ann Trail receives \$250,000 grant from the DaimlerChrysler Corporation Fund</li> <li>• MDOT TEA-21 Grant is secured to resurface trail and construct pedestrian bridge over M-24</li> <li>• Eagle Scout Chris Schur of Addison Township makes mile markers for the trail</li> <li>• First Rural Pearl of a Ride (3, 12, or 42 mile routes) is held on July 10</li> <li>• Nancy Krupiarz, of the Michigan Chapter of the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, awards Michigander Grant of \$3,000 to make Village of Leonard trailhead improvements</li> </ul>
2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Design and engineering begins for Polly Ann Trail development</li> <li>• Polly Ann Trail Management Council receives \$240,000 from the GreenWays Initiative of the Community Foundation of Southeast Michigan for the pedestrian bridge over M-24</li> </ul>
2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Equestrian ride raises \$2,150 for a horse corral, water troughs, fencing, and hitching posts at the Village of Leonard trailhead</li> <li>• Stan Aldridge donates 2.5 miles of abandoned railroad in Orion Township from Joslyn Rd. to Scripps Rd. to the Polly Ann Trail Management Council, valued at \$250,000</li> <li>• Polly Ann Trail Management Council members include: Eugene Mallia, Robert Koski, Jim Marleau, Pauline Blanka, Ed Brakefield, Renee Donovan, Gerald Dywasuk, Kallie Roesner, Mark Slown, and Frank Cobb</li> </ul>
2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2nd Annual Pony Express Equestrian Ride occurs on the PAT</li> </ul>

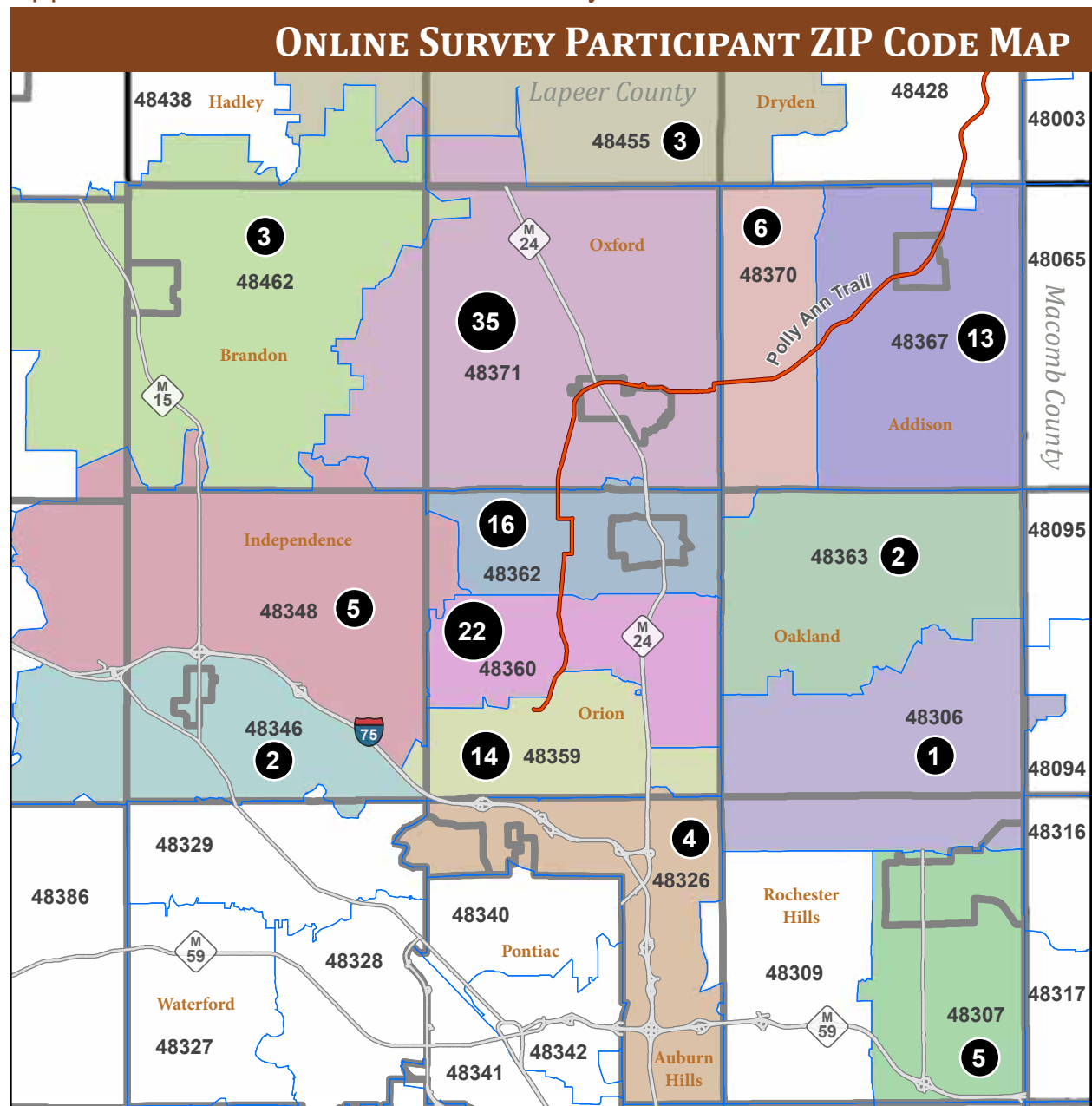
2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PAT communities approve design of trail development and improvements</li> <li>• Ground-breaking Ceremony for the surfacing of the Polly Ann Trail held on August 26</li> <li>• Eagle Scout Max Hock builds eight map boxes and three donation poles for the trail</li> </ul>
2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Addison Township opts out of the Polly Ann Trail Management Council due to budget constraints and horses not accommodated on portions of the trail in February</li> <li>• Spans on the pedestrian bridge over M-24 in Oxford are set in place in October</li> </ul>
2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dedication Ceremony at the pedestrian bridge over M-24 in Oxford held on August 4</li> </ul>
2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding approved for the purchase of additional railroad property in Orion Township, removal of the railroad ties, earthwork, grading and surfacing of the trail with limestone. The project cost is \$420,661 including \$294,463 in federal Transportation Enhancement funds, \$51,198 from Orion Township, and \$75,000 in GreenWays Initiative funds from the Community Foundation of Southeast Michigan</li> <li>• Addison Township rejoins the Polly Ann Trail Management Council in September</li> </ul>
2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DNR approves \$120,000 equestrian trail demonstration project</li> </ul>
2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Village of Leonard receives \$22,500 from DNR MNRTF for the acquisition of the Leonard Mill</li> </ul>
2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Polly Ann Trail Management Council receives \$500 Brooksie Way Mini Grant for the Rural Pearl of a Ride</li> </ul>
2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A portion of the Polly Ann Trail is designated as the Governor's Showcase Trail (now known as the Iron Belle Trail) from Detroit to Ironwood, MI</li> </ul>
2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oakland County Sheriff deputy, David Slazinski spends time on the Polly Ann Trail as a bike patrol</li> </ul>
2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zombie Fun Run held</li> </ul>
2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lake George Trailhead in Addison Township completed</li> </ul>
2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Polly Ann Trail awarded Iron Belle Trail Mini-Grant to install wayfinding signs</li> </ul>

2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• City Girls Farm hired to bring goats to the Polly Ann Trail for conservation grazing to reduce invasive plant species</li> <li>• Improvements made to the Clarkston Road Trailhead in Orion Township</li> </ul>
2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bridge over M-24 in the Village of Oxford is formally named the Larry Obrecht Bridge</li> <li>• PATMC votes to allow class 1 e-bikes on the Polly Ann Trail</li> <li>• Sinkhole developed on Wood Trail Drive in Oxford Township</li> </ul>
2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Polly Ann Trail is designated as a Pure Michigan Trail</li> <li>• New mile markers are installed along the full length of the trail</li> </ul>

### **Trail Managers**

- Larry Obrecht Trail Manager from 1997-2001
- Amy Murray Trail Manager from January 2002 — June 2004
- Lois Golden Trail Manager from July 2004 — May 2006
- Amy Murray Trail Manager from June 2006 — November 2007
- Linda Gierak Trail Manager from December 2007 — May 2008
- Troy Farwell Trail Manager from June 2008 — December 2010
- Juliane Bagley Trail Manager from April 2011 — July 2013
- Patrick Ball Trail Manger from October 2013 — September 2016
- Linda Moran Trail Manager from October 2016 — Present

# Appendix E: Online Public User Survey Results



## Q. 1 WHAT ZIP CODE DO YOU CURRENTLY LIVE IN? (n = 158) # of responses

The information provided herewith has been compiled from recorded deeds, plats, tax maps, surveys and other public records. It is not a legally recorded map or survey and is not intended to be used as one. Users should consult the information sources mentioned above when questions arise.

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48360	22	48455	3	48047*	1	48320*	1
48362	16	48462	3	48065*	1	48423*	1
48359	14	48220*	2	48074*	1	48428*	1
48367	13	48346	2	48084*	1	48467*	1
48370	6	48363	2	48096*	1	48731*	1
48307	5	48372*	2	48178*	1	48760*	1
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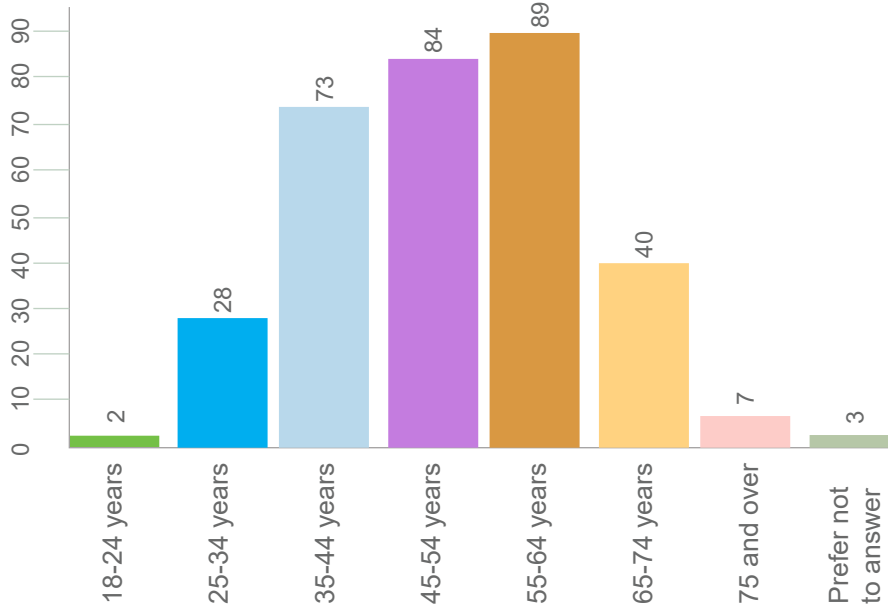
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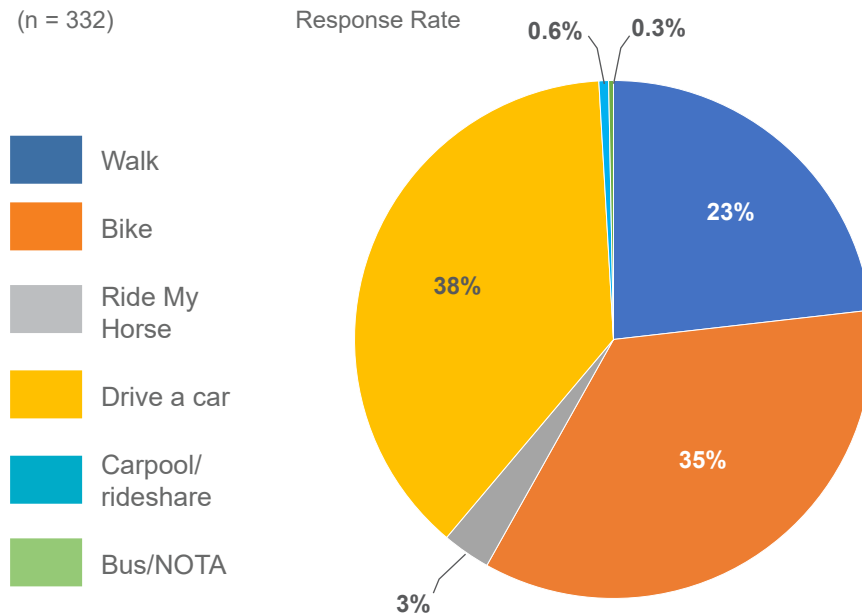
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### Q. 3 HOW DO YOU TYPICALLY GET TO THE TRAIL?

(n = 332)

Response Rate

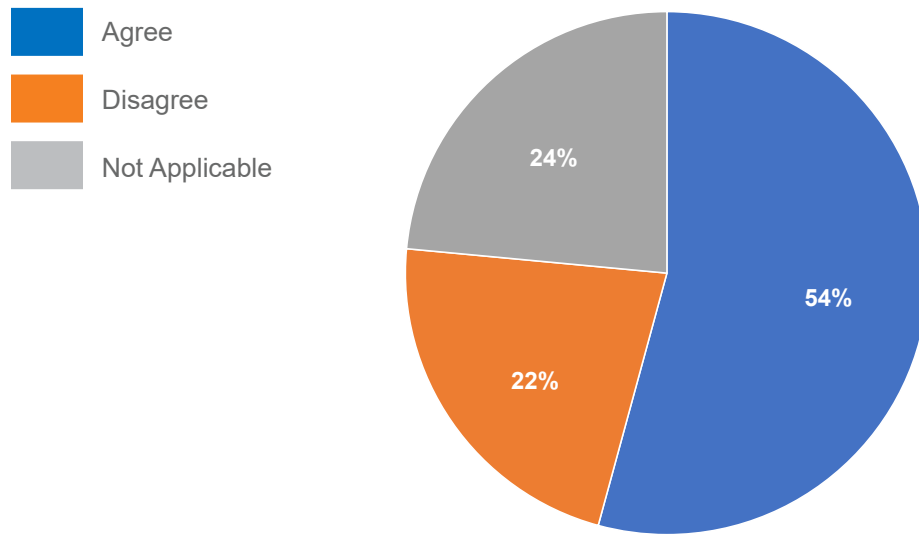




#### Q. 4 THERE IS ADEQUATE PARKING ALONG THE TRAIL.

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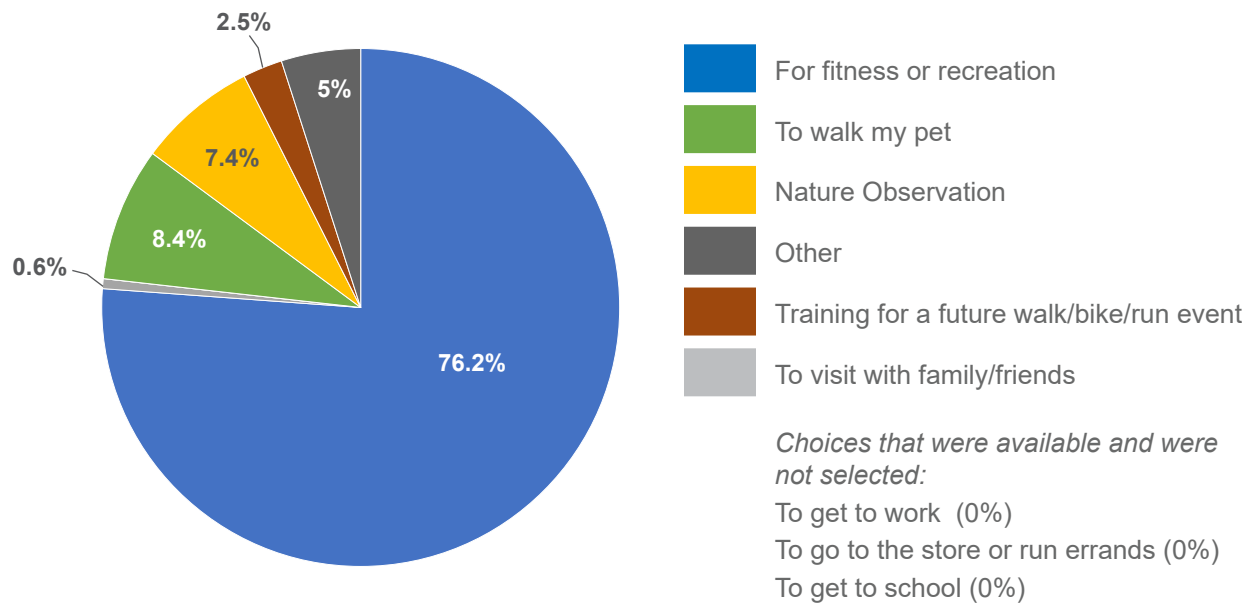
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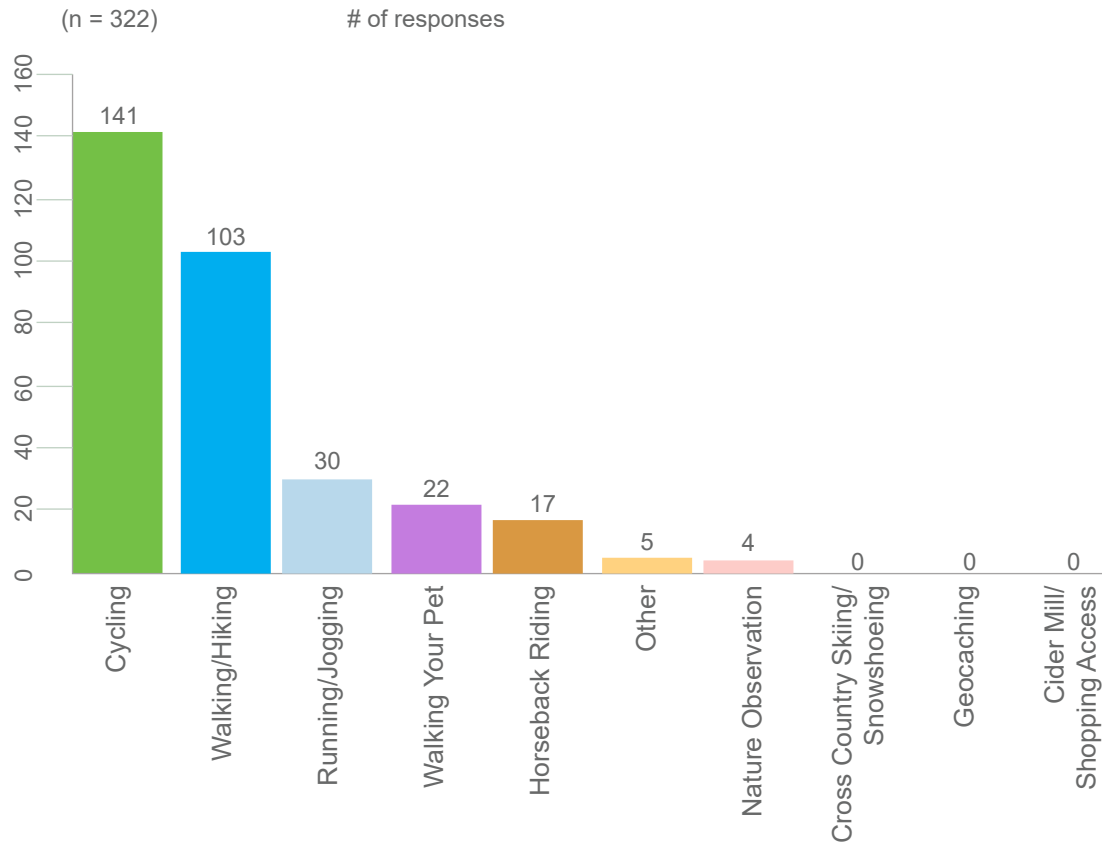
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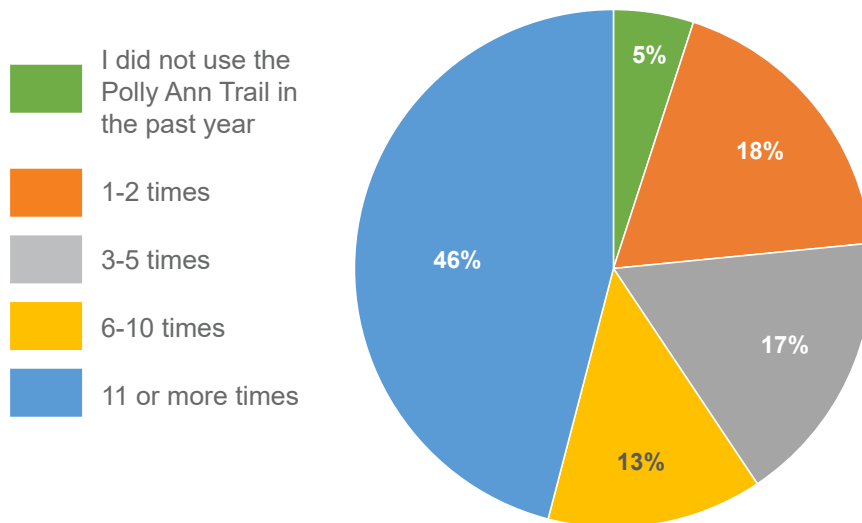


**Q. 6 WHAT IS YOUR PRIMARY ACTIVITY WHILE ON THE TRAIL?**



**Q. 7 ON AVERAGE, HOW OFTEN DID YOU USE OR VISIT THE POLLY ANN TRAIL WITHIN THE PAST YEAR?**

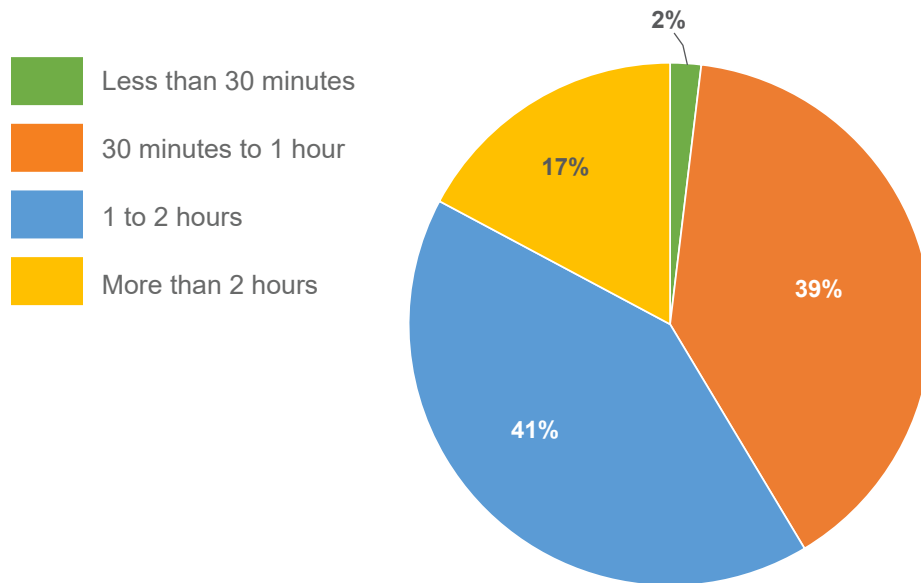
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**Q. 8 ON AVERAGE, HOW MUCH TIME DO YOU SPEND ON THE TRAIL ON EACH VISIT?**

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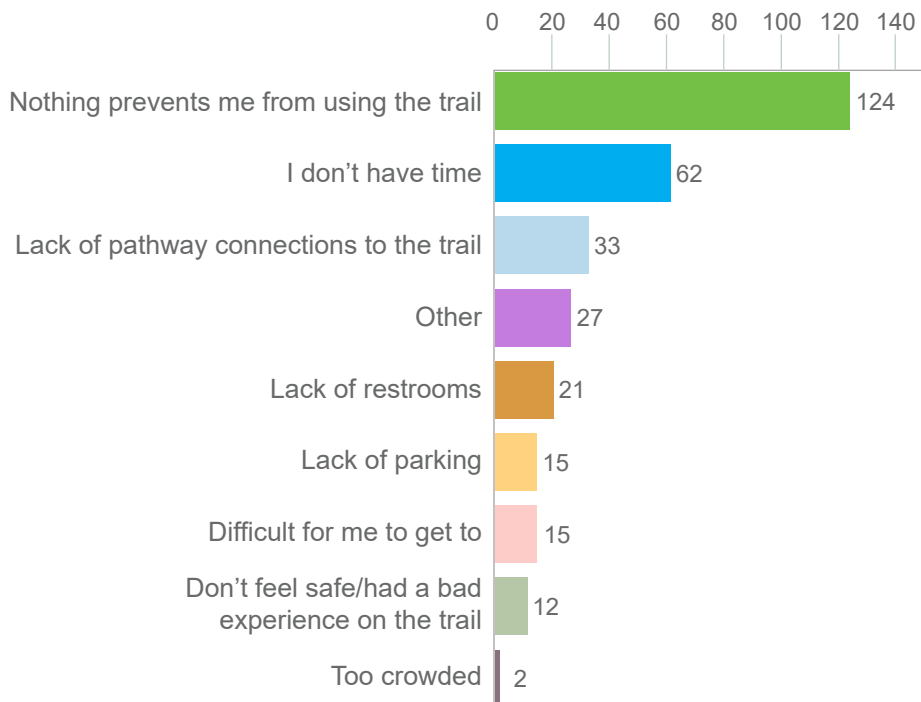
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**Q. 9 IS THERE ANYTHING THAT PREVENTS YOU FROM USING THE TRAIL MORE?**

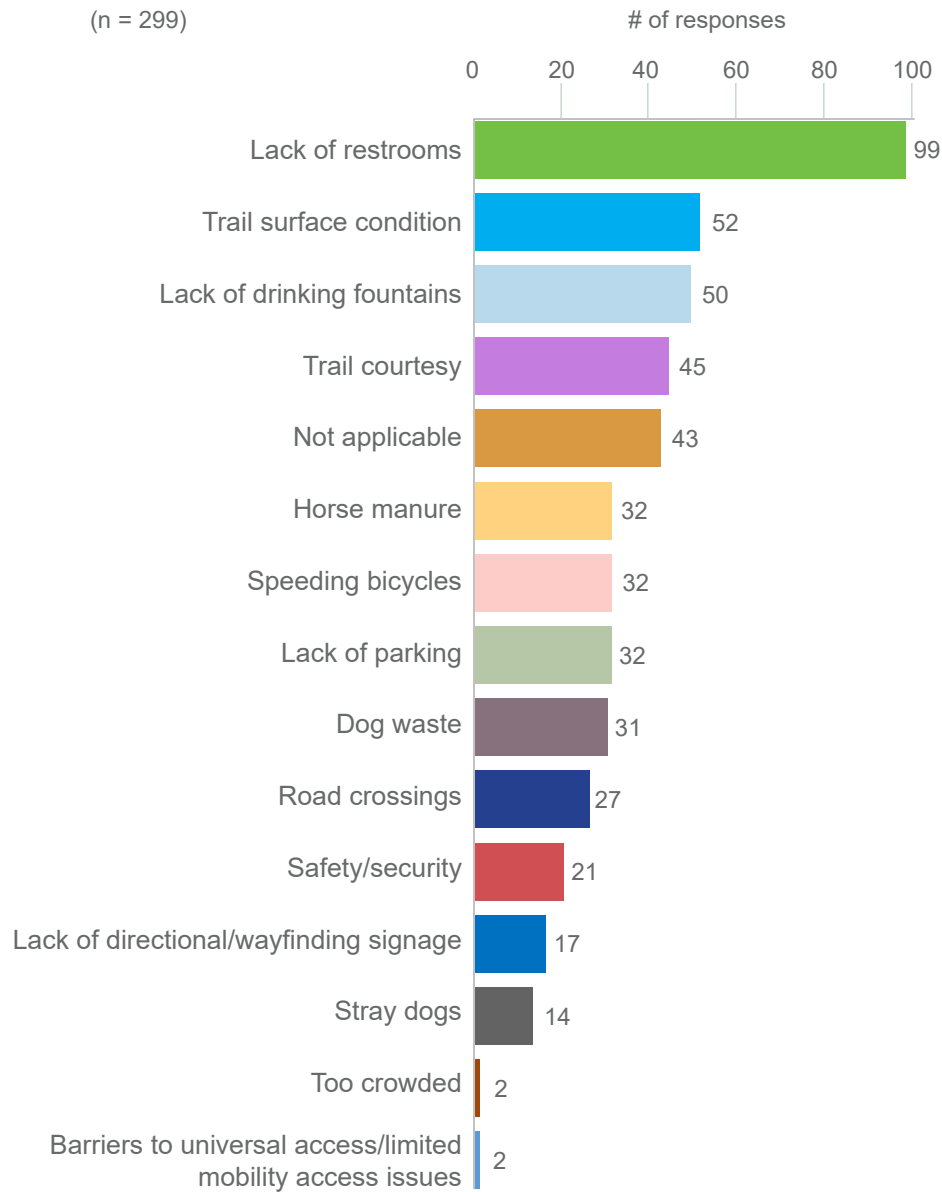
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**Q. 10 WHAT IS THE BIGGEST PROBLEM OR CONDITION THAT NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED ON THE POLLY ANN TRAIL? (SELECT UP TO 3)**

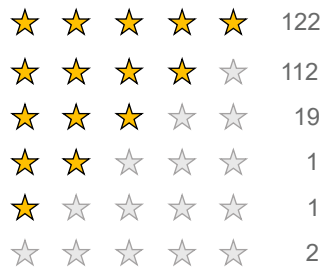
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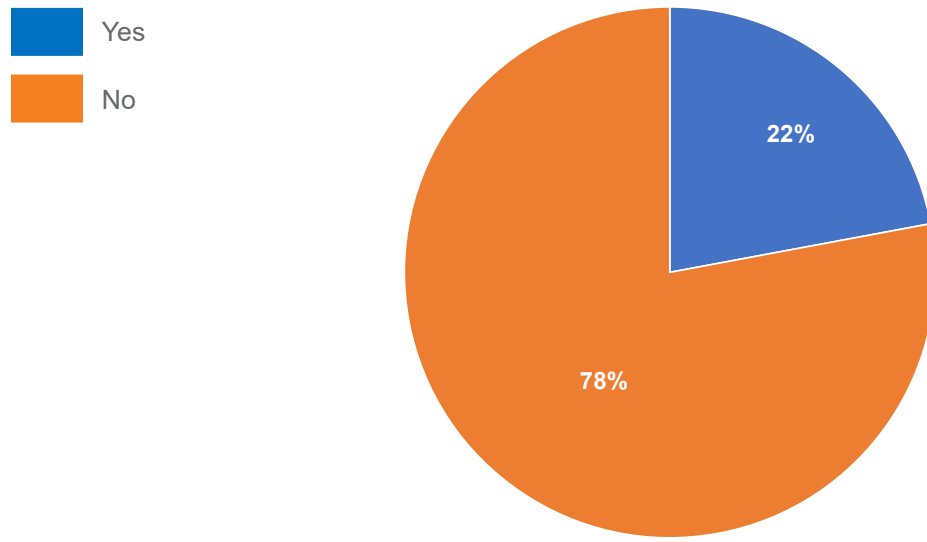
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### Q. 12 DO YOU ATTEND EVENTS ON THE TRAIL?

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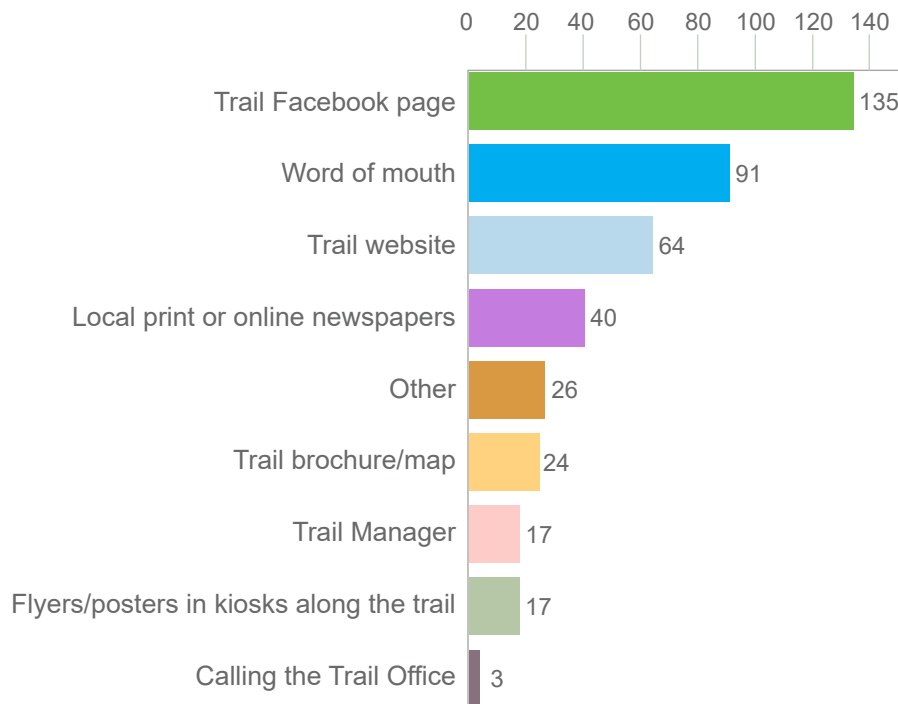
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### Q. 13 WHERE DO YOU GET YOUR INFORMATION REGARDING THE POLLY ANN TRAIL AND EVENTS? CHECK ALL THAT APPLY.

(n = 268)

# of responses



## Q. 14 WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT THE POLLY ANN TRAIL?

(n = 216)

Responses

- Most people are so nice and the trail is gorgeous year-around.
- proximity to where I live, water fountain, parking, friendly people, events, walk to friends houses, walk to town, ice cream, coffee, benches, picnic tables, trees, its my secret garden! Love the Trail!.
- Kept in perfect condition
- Rural and natural settings
- flat even trail with nice overlooks
- Wide flat surface.
- The distance it covers.
- The connector to Paint Creek Trail
- Variety of trail type, paved gravel, single track grass in the N end.
- Scenic and remote feeling.
- You feel like your upnorth on most of the trail
- Not crowded. And fast dry surface after rain or snow melt when other trails are too wet and would cause damage.
- Relaxing
- So beautiful!
- A place to ride without cars trucks...
- The distance of riding it offers
- Just an awesome trail
- The natural foliage along the trail. Looking at all the different plants and flowers is a wonderful way to de-stress and revive.
- It is kept natural.
- Views.
- Scenic nature and beauty
- We are lucky to have it, love the shade parts of it provide.
- Nature
- "It is wide enough that my horse cart can fit without taking the entire trail. It is well maintained."
- I like the footing to ride horses
- Country atmosphere
- That is not too crowded... it's scenic.
- The surroundings
- The natural environment and the joy of seeing wild life as I bike.
- My favorite thing is that it is such a wonderful community asset .
- It's beautiful!
- I love the paved trail within the natural setting.
- getting off the roads

- Overall scenery and wide trail
- “Linda !  
That it isn’t to popularity”
- The paved parts. So much easier to walk and ride.
- Its across the street from my house in Leonard. Gives my family and I a safe place to bike ride and see nature. Great to see horses and others pass by too.
- It is safer than trying to bike on the edge of the road.
- beautiful place to get to ride my bike or walk.
- It’s mostly paved
- Long length. Good trail conditions.
- the northern section is not usually crowded
- you can use the trail even if the the roads are wet. The trail is dry due to the good drainage
- accessable, beautiful trail & foliage, peaceful!
- Good surface, light traffic
- Everything, natural beauty, love that is not paved , maintenance, improvements made by trail manager to avoid water accummulation, etc.
- Nature and wildlife
- The peacefulness, talking with others
- Easy walk through nature.
- Easy riding, scenery
- Quiet! Trail north of Oxford is beautiful
- More rural and Not as crowded as others
- All of it ! The trail is never crowded and the ride is fantastic !
- That it has kept its woodsy looks in many sections, and that is so well kept up by the Trail Manager.
- It’s maintained nicely
- Peaceful. & quiet
- Safety
- Nice quiet, uncrowded place to walk my dog daily.
- The little bits of nature along the trail. Butterfly gardens etc.
- That it’s easily accessible
- The asphalt is easy on me compared to concrete. It is scenic and pretty, it is quiet.
- Nice walkway
- Quiet safe way to walk.
- Very rustic environment in some areas. Well maintained paths.
- Less crowded typically than the paint creek trail
- Running past the cemetery where my family members are laid to rest.
- tree canopy along the trail and wildlife.
- I like that it does not follow any road. Makes for quieter riding.
- It close to my home.
- Well maintained trail, brush is cut back well and surface is maintained well

- well maintained. It is getting better each year. I like the area closer to Leonard the best.
- Love it
- Accessibility
- Peaceful
- Accessibility; well maintained; different road surfaces.
- Close to home, good maintenance.
- Riding my bike where the cars are not
- Cleanliness, out of the box way of trying to control invasive species, local to where I live.
- It's a beautiful peaceful place to walk my dog
- Being out in nature
- The tunnel of trees and dirt track
- It's a beautiful trail with woods on one side and neighborhoods and lakes on the other.
- Lack of traffic compared to others locally
- the beauty
- Pavement
- The natural setting
- How well it is maintained. The brush has really been cut back so you can really see down the trail.
- Location to my home.
- Close to my front door
- Good route between southwest Orion Township to Oxford then to Leonard
- I like the that it's rustic and unimproved. Or not overly improved. More natural. It's a gem.
- Good footing for horses. Available for horses
- The dense wooded areas. Seeing the wildlife.
- Smooth ground, feels safe
- I love how well it is maintained...i love running on it. Ran 10 miles on it today
- The trees, scenery, wild life
- The nature surrounding it
- Just that it's there!!
- Wide, maintained, miles long!
- Being able to take a mostly quiet walk in a natural environment.
- Still has a lot of natural portions.
- Peace and quiet
- Beautiful vistas. Peacefulness
- Close to my home, trail is well-drained, scenic.
- I love all the wetlands. I often stop at the ponds, swamps and marshes to look for wildlife, especially birds.
- Close to my home so I can use it.
- Nature
- Love the varied nature of the entire trail - from city, to fields, to woods...
- Close to my house



- Close to home
- Riding through nature.
- Nature
- It goes places that I could not get to otherwise.
- Beng foutcode and enjoying the nature! The butterfly garden.....need more things like that!
- Overall condition of the trail, lots of access points, not as crowded as the Paint Creek trail and less high traffic road crossings. Friendly trail community.
- Not crowded. Good trail condition. Goes through Oxford.
- Length
- The scenery
- Close to home and it is very scenic. It is also very well maintained!!
- Love enjoying nature as I walk, run or bike.
- Nature
- The beauty and upkeep.
- Rural sections
- I love the beauty and tranquility of being out of n nature and the fact that it is not overcrowded.
- Length of trail.
- Quiet and not Crowded
- I like being able to ride my bike, walk and jog with my friends and my dogs without the worries of someone hitting me. I bought my house because of the easy access to the trail. I used to ride my horse on it for hours. Love it.
- The wide paths, and it's less crowded then paint creek trail.
- Love the natural streams and the water life.
- Locatioj
- "No road traffic  
Quiet"
- It is a get away from traffic and seeing anything man-made. It is my way to de-stress and get back with nature.
- Peaceful. Not busy. Cycle or walk with ease. It's a true gift to us here in Oakland County. Thanks for maintaining it!!!!
- Shade
- How long the trail goes.
- Very natural and a nice environment
- The trees and undeveloped areas around the trail.
- Drainage is good so it doesn't get muddy
- Nature
- Wide trail!
- How well maintained the trail is
- It is not very crowded and when you get north it is very peaceful. I also love not having to worry about traffic.

- I love the part of the trail as you ride out of downtown Oxford towards Leonard. It reminds me of being up north.
- It's a bit more rugged and remote than other rail trails in the area.
- Trails are wide and it's maintained
- It's nature at it's finest.
- That it is horse-friendly, especially the more north you go.
- Peacefulness
- Natural beauty quiet and peaceful
- Safe to ride bike trail close to my home.
- Quiet unlike Paint Creek
- Nothing can't ride snowmobiles on it
- I like the width of the path, it allows for comfortable passing and good views along the way.
- Scenery
- Peace and quiet
- Nature and length
- I like so many things about the Polly Ann. The wildlife and natural vegetation top my list.
- It is well maintained and has convenient access points. It's so peaceful there.
- The fact that we have such a trail to begin with!
- "It's like being in a farther north area  
And more nature on the sides than let's say the Clinton trail in Auburn Hills or a city"
- Close to home, safe place too bike
- Being able to go from lake Orion to the cider mill in Goodison
- It's wide and well-kept
- I love that we have this trail!
- It's really scenic and not too crowded!
- Easy access, I love how it is connected to the parks!
- Easy on the joints for a run or walk
- Scenery
- Easy to access.
- Close to home.
- The views are amazing
- The trees
- They are accessible. Pretty views. Wide
- I haven't used it much but I really like the things that make it unique, like the bridges. And I like the nature.
- Well manicured. It looks great
- Convenience of location
- Shaded walking in summer
- Well groomed.
- It's natural yet easy to traverse.
- the nature you see

- The beauty of it.
- The landscape
- The nature setting. The up North atmosphere.
- Accessibility from my house, and the maintenance of the trail has been exceptional.
- Safety from vehicle traffic.
- Beautiful and convenient.
- It's easy access to nature in our area, plus offers a good place to run without dodging traffic.
- The beautiful scenery along the trail
- Nice walking area
- I love that it follows the river and is tree covered
- Landscape
- Close to home, not crowded, nice vistas comparable to the upper peninsula. Wildlife is commonly seen including deer, turkeys, snakes, frogs, swans, skunks. Trail runs a long distance. The trail managers for the past years have been very attentive to taking care of maintenance issues very quickly.
- The tunnel of trees. The rustic feel of the trail. At is at both ends of the trail
- It is a wonderful space in our community
- How quiet and tranquil it is.
- Beautiful scenery, being in nature.
- It's close to my house, only a block away.
- Surroundings
- It connects me to downtown Oxford in a safe way that doesn't involve using my automobile. The trail in Oxford Township is heavily used and well taken care of.
- The distance is amazing
- It's natural beauty
- The abundance of trees and nature, the natural surface of the trail (except for Leonard's asphalt). It is not used my many people in the middle of the week and I can 'be with nature' all by myself.
- The trail takes you through woods, and meadows, away from roads.
- Varied scenery. From urban to rural.
- Natural beauty
- rural bueaty
- Like being up north... love it. I wish it was easier to get to, can it be linked with paint creek?
- Very well maintain, grass cutting, tree and brush removal and surface maintenance
- Not as crowded as the popular Paint Creek Trail.
- Tree lined beauty and we'll maintained.
- Not too crowded, tree cover
- Better than riding roads
- Well maintenanced!
- Fun to ride on.

- I can run and not have to watch for cars. And it is near trees, mostly non-paved ... feels like being in nature.
- That it is a groomed surface thru nature.

## Q. 15 WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT THE POLLY ANN TRAIL?

(n = 200)

Responses

- Dumping and debris on the trail and the right-of-way especially yard clippings and tree branches
- Dog waste, Invasive: phragmites, bitter sweet vines. In Orion by state land- bugs during the summer and hunters during the fall. Very sad when ATVs use trail and the vandals ruin trail. Would love trail through golf course verses going around and would love the trail connecting from Indianwood to M-24.
- Not applicable
- Narrow and sidewalk portion of trail near Bald Mountain
- adjacent homes with dogs and trash in yards
- Would like the transition to Lapeer county to be seamless.
- Nothing.
- The northern part approaching and north of Dryden is underdeveloped and difficult to ride on with anything but a fat bike.
- Crossing paved roads, vehicles do not acknowledge pedestrians
- No safe connectivity to the Paint Creek Trail.
- The smell of dog waste
- Seeing invasive plants
- Speed of bikers
- Downed trees limiting access
- Wish it was closer
- Nothing!
- I would like to see it extended both north and south from its current maintain stretch
- Rude bikers (the ones who silently approach from behind with no warning and scare me and my dogs).
- Parking is difficult for horsetrailerers
- Stranger danger
- Horse manure
- Lack of restrooms
- Bikes
- Bicyclists lack of respect to horses. No signage of who yields to who.
- I wish it connected not only to Orion oaks but also independence park. That would be lovely

and open the opportunity for so many more to walk/bike without being on the roads.

- Surface
- I hate that I have to put my bike in the car to drive to the trail. I live in the village of Lake Orion and it is impossible to safely get to the trail Why???? There should be a connection to Lake Orion by now. It has been years! Get a safety path that goes to the Polly Ann.
- Trail users that don't pick up after themselves and leave Waste or garbage on the trail.
- I wish I could just hop on it from home easily.
- No safety/security measures seem to take place. I have seen a spot where someone may have a made a temporary residence just off the trail, north of Leonard Road.
- nothing
- Gravel on certain turns make biking a bit dangerous in a few spots
- There's some dangerous parts of clarkston
- That the horses still use blacktop and not the part they took out for the horses to use.
- Honestly, those darn deer flies.
- There are areas that get a little muddy. Also grass/weeds growing through the limestone gravel like a two track.
- the snakes and bugs. walking or riding alone makes me nervous but that would be anywhere. I wish people cleaned up after their dogs many times I seen dog poop right on the trails.
- The parts that are not paved
- Lapeer county
- while not specifically your issue, the fact that the surface degrades rapidly into Lapeer Co. Also, some road crossings are difficult. In the northern section sometimes the way is blocked by downed trees.
- na
- Dog waste - I pick up mine and carry home! DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY OTHERS CAN'T DO THE sAME!!!!
- "type of signage  
Mark all cross roads - make easily readable"
- Could have water fountains added
- The cyclists are rude. Feel as though I'm in their way. Bicyclers are fine. It's the riders who are trying to beat their previous time like they are in a race.
- Horse poop
- What's not to like!
- There is nothing I don't like about it.
- Nothing
- Nothing really
- Swans
- Section directly next to Lakeville Rd in Oxford
- People letting their dogs walk unleashed.
- Horses are allowed to use it.

- Some spots I feel isolated and vulnerable.
- Lack of bathrooms due to having kids
- Rude bikers
- Wish there were more access points.
- The huge animal holes that wrecks your bike tires
- That big ass bridge I have to run over lol.
- several wet spots depending on time of year. Lack of water fountain at Leonard area.
- I know you said from Joslyn to Bordman, but I would like to see the trail finished to Dryden. I think this would increase usage as the trail end would provide amenities.
- The trail can get really dusty, but that is the nature of crushed limestone, so not much can be done about it.
- “Owners walking dogs without leashes.

Also, it would be nice to have a more direct route to the newer part of the trail south of Indianwood.

Maintain it in Lapeer county also.”

- Nothing
- How you have to ride your bike along busy road to get back on the trail off Oakwood. Reopen the RR track that’s blocked so dont have to ride next to road
- It needs to connect from Joslyn Rd to Indianwood Rd.
- Extremely dusty in the summer. A lot of horse manure and it takes weeks for it to break down.
- not sure
- I wish it connected to Seymour Lake Park.
- Lack of plowing in the winter and dog waste.
- Trail surface gets a little rough at times
- Horse poop
- People who use headphones or earbuds so they do not hear someone overtaking them.
- Condition of the trail.
- Walkers wearing music devises that don’t hear bikers approach
- getting to it and parking....wish there was a better connection from paint creek
- Feel a little unsafe on the north end by Leonard
- Maybe another bathroom.
- Not maintain well enough.
- Nothing
- Swans and geese have been a problem for me. But also the Joslyn jog on the sidewalk. Not much you can do about that.
- Occasionally there are jokes on the side that are very dangerous for horses
- Some areas have standing water and get muddy very easily.
- N/A

- People do not keep their dogs on the leash on the trail
- lack of marked parking spots in some areas
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- People walking dogs without a leash.
- No comment
- Overgrown areas or bushes unable to see around the bend
- Poor surface, lack of places to stop.
- Can't really think of anything.
- Off leash dogs or dogs on retractable leads that stray far far away from their oblivious owners.
- Road crossings...lack of toilets
- N/A
- Having to dodge waste.
- I live a bit far from the trail, but that is not the trail's fault.
- nothing....
- I use the trail every week with runs from 3-15 miles. I typically park at the Mullins soccer fields off Waldon. I would love a big lot at marker 0 off of Joslyn. The trail deserves an official starting point. It would be great if the trail could run straight to Indianwood without the little stretch along Joslyn. That stretch has uneven sidewalk along the golf course and Indianwood and is narrow making it difficult for bikers and runners to share the path. The intersections with Joslyn and Pine Tree and Joslyn and Indianwood are often busy. The subdivision along Joslyn just north of Pine Tree always has teenagers flying in and out and they are a hazard to us on the trail. If we had the rights to continue the path straight through to Indianwood that would eliminate those hassles. No more asphalt on the trail. It's a tough surface for the runners. The intersection at Greenfield has been plagued with geese the past couple years.
- Poor trail condition between Leonard and Dryden.
- Trail quality north of Dryden. Detour on Joslyn.
- Na
- Nothing
- Parking
- It's a bit secluded and seems a little unsafe for me to use alone.
- It's like going through peoples backyards at some points!
- Road or driveway crossings need to be trimmed of shrubs and trees to see better. Also I know the swans at the Lake George section have not bothered anyone but they scare a lot of people from going by them. Maybe fence of the swamp area they access to.
- People who allow their dogs off leash or let them go on a long leash.
- Could use more bathroom's, and water fountains
- Hate the hideous, unnecessary "bridge" that killed the running stream and the wildlife that were once there.
- It does not connect easily (via M24 trail) to downtown Oxford.
- Pedestrians not picking up after their pets.

- There is not anything I dislike.
- Secluded. Don't always feel safe.
- Not a single thing. It's a perfect trail.
- Lack of parking
- "Lack of drinking fountains.  
Farther north, past Oxford HS...it's pretty desolate, feels unsafe at times."
- Can't think of anything
- It's not long enough. Would love to see it developed further.
- Lack of bathroom in Oxford near Merge, their hours are not consistent and they close early evenings.
- Dog waste NOT picked up by owners.
- Dog waste
- Rude bikers
- The tough shape after leaving Oakland county at bordman road.
- The part of the trail on that runs perpendicular to the golf course. The side walk is terrible and feels unsafe.
- No easy/safe connection to other rail trails.
- Power lines- which I know there is nothing you can do. I just hate being that close to them.
- Low areas need to be re-surfaced.
- Some bikers don't respect the horse/rider.
- Lack of trees in some spots
- Too many dog walkers that allow their dogs off leash. Even though I am a dog lover and walk my dog there, strange dogs terrify me, especially off leash. My dog is always leashes because although she isn't mean at all, she can be reactive to other dogs and off leash dogs really set her off barking and then it is very hard to get her calm again.
- In July the deer flies are so bad the trail is unusable to me.
- Not sure. Things out of your control such as swarms of bugs or people with loose dogs
- Can't ride snowmobiles
- The smell of dog waste.
- People speeding on bikes and not being careful.
- Trash left behind by others.
- Bathrooms
- Not enough areas to rest and difficult with stroller
- I don't like the way that the person with a hack saw has attacked the vegetation along the trail. Crudely cutting vegetation and throwingn it into the swampy areas is choking out the swamp vegetation and the animals that call this home. A reputable person needs to be hired to trim (with sharpened tools) and remove the brush to a location off-site.
- I would love if it would connect closer to Baldwin road
- I generally use the entrance off Clarkston Rd bc there is a good sized parking lot.
- Too soft at yimesezpecially in spring.
- Boring



- It's all good!
- Not paved all the way/ no bathrooms
- N/A
- that it doesn't connect to Paint Creek trail
- I wish the portion in Lapeer county was improved.
- I wish there was an access point to get on and off behind the soccer fields at civic Center
- Pathway connections need to be better
- Lack of restrooms.
- Dogs not on leashes or not fenced in.
- Lack of bathrooms
- The loose asphalt right before Clarkston road
- In the fall the wet leaves can be treacherous on the blacktop areas that are on steep inclines. Indianwood one for example
- I don't know of any parking areas other than the one on Indianwood rd.
- Hard to get to from the paint creek trail and downtown LO
- Too many rocks and some rude bicyclists
- Nothing that I don't like
- Some areas are too desolate & I will not walk them.
- Lack of restrooms
- not enough rest rooms and needs more parking
- The Joslyn section south of Indianwood is rough as a cyclist. Either ride on the very bad side walk by the golf course or ride on the narrow shoulder road. I feel safe to riding on the road but I can imagine many others would not. Also it can be frustrating to relax on the trail knowing I will still have to ride roads.
- I wish it was not asphalted north of Drahner Road. And I wish the parking lot on Indianwood was bigger. It gets a lot of use.
- No signage for directions or mileage.
- The Road Crossings.
- No crossing lights at Indianwood Road!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- I wish I had a better understanding of what all of the trails are like, I'm sure I'm missing some of the more scenic areas. Also, sometimes it's hard to tell where the trail continues ( like heading north across Joslyn )
- I'd just like to see the whole trail system expanded and connected to other trails throughout the state.
- Lack of bathroom available
- Not applicable
- Some users don't pick up animal waste
- the dogs that wander on the trail, people pulling onto the trail to smoke weed.
- "I have a few safety concerns about the trail
  - 1) There needs to be trail side mirrors around tight corners, especially by Koenig gravel.
  - 2) Mile markers are convenient, but marks on mile markers should include more information if

someone needed emergency care.

3) The removal of barriers to cars to comply with Americans with disabilities act adds a real hazard to the trail. The trail is wide enough to look like a road and cars shouldn't be on the trail. A single centrally placed brightly colored post (similar to the M-24 bridge) should be added to all possible locations for ingress of full sized motor vehicles. It would still be compliant with the ADA requirements.

The trail should also be maintained north of the Lapeer county border. I've ridden all the way down from Lum and while passable it isn't particularly easy.

In addition maps of cell phone dead zones would be a useful addition to the trail's web sites."

- "Horse poop  
The trail along Joslyn road is very rough. I know several people who got lost at the turn at Joslyn and Heights."
- Does not apply
- I would love to see a park or other places we could stop with kiddos.
- Could use a bathroom or two, but that opens a whole set of issues.
- I don't feel safe. Feels too isolated.
- It doesn't connect well to Downtown Oxford. The bridge over M24 is great, but it goes over downtown Oxford, and there is not a good connection.
- Like everything
- There is a lack of restrooms and drinking fountains. Using other path systems to get other locations less than a mile off the trail proves cumbersome due to incomplete trails, shared lanes, and sidewalks in the area.
- It was difficult to find a trailhead
- Horse poop The trail along Joslyn road is very rough. I know several people who got lost at the turn at Joslyn and Heights.
- I don't feel safe. Feels too isolated.
- Some sections get muddy, and some equestrians leave horse poop.
- The eastern section is not groomed like the western half of the trail., so It's hard to ride a bike on the eastern section of the trail.
- It needs to go to Imlay City.
- Nothing
- lack of connectivity to the PCT
- How it stops south near golf course and you have to go around
- Horse manure, chipmunk holes
- Not as scenic as other trails
- Can't think of a thing !
- Isn't maintain that well north of Leonard
- Cannot think of anything.

- Difficult to access from the Paint Creek Trail. Signs from one to another are poor or inadequate. This could have been dealt with years ago but now it is difficult, perhaps even unsafe to negotiate the connections. The northern most portion of the trail could be finished at least to be rideable and not mushy.
- I'm always nervous about dogs. Some houses along the trail don't seem to keep their dogs leashed or behind a fence, or walkers have their dogs on too long of a leash

**Q. 16 IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU WOULD LIKE TO TELL US ABOUT THE POLLY ANN TRAIL?**

(n = 200)

Responses

- The trails Council seems to be an excellent one and it shows tremendous cooperation among the members for the residents who use the trail.
- No
- Please coordinate with Lapeer county for the good of the trail as a whole.
- It would be great to see it connect to surrounding rail trails directly, especially going north.
- It would be great to see improvement of trail in far eastern portion
- Great trail, please connect it better.
- Love the work done on it! Beautiful
- You are doing a great job with what you have.
- Please keep it going.
- Friends of Polly Ann are doing a great job
- It would be great if it ran the entire rail line all the way in to Pontiac
- I love the trail and appreciate all that has been done to maintain it. I especially love the new dog waste bags that have been added at Pleasant Street! So handy for those times I forget to bring my own!
- Oakland county side very well maintained, yet Lapeer county side is in need of work. I would use much more of the trail if I could use the entire trail.
- The path should be asphalt so bikes don't get so dusty.
- It is a gem in Oxford and I really need to spend more time on it!
- I was not aware of events on the trail.
- Water!!
- 22 years I've watched the trail improve. You all have done a great job. Thanks for making the trail a highlight of our community.
- I do enjoy the asphalt section through Leonard the most.
- It's a great trail. I wish it was fully paved.
- Finish it to Dryden
- Thank you for the hardwork on keeping the trail in top shape. I ride many trails in michigan and i have not seen a more beautiful one.
- I think the trail is a gem and your doing a great job. I remember walking the trail and not seeing anyone. Now it is rare to not see someone.

- No
- It is the main trail we use by default because we live 2 blocks from it. When I use other area trails it reminds me the Polly Ann is my favorite
- Linda Moran does a great job as trail manager !
- Keep up the good work. Maintenance is great
- I wish I could connect to it from Ortonville, but my local government sucks.
- Nope
- Valuable resource for the community and should be maintained and promoted.
- Thanks for keeping the trails ☐
- Would be awesome to extend trail past Boardman road into Dryden and beyond.
- I like the trail and use it when I can get out.
- I am very impressed with the effort and energy that the trail manager (Linda Moran) puts into the trail, it is a success because of her.
- no
- Connect the RR tracks back so can go straight across Oakwood Rd, not on the bumping sidewalk
- No; keep up the good work
- Linda does s great job of communicating on events, issues, and maintenance times/locations.
- Linda is a great trail manager!
- I LOVE the paved section!
- Please have horse owners clean up after themselves.
- Not specific to the trail but related to local pedestrian access in general. The road construction has prevented or limited pedestrian travel. Additionally, drivers have no idea how to interact with pedestrians crossing at the new roundabouts.
- love the trqil
- Your ongoing efforts are highly appreciated!!
- The trail could use more funding, so it could be maintained.
- Well maintained
- Thanks
- One of my favorite riding trails!
- Please extend to brown rd
- Makes being part of Oxford feel homey and yet current....place for every person to find something that they can use the trail for...accessible...most parts are beautiful.
- Parking!
- I love it! Linda does a wonderful job taking care of it!
- ☐☐
- I do sometimes get to walk on the trail when I visit a business in Oxford that is right there. Having a little bit of commerce along the trail is a good thing.
- You have a WONDERFUL Trail Manager!!!!
- I love the trail and want to see it continue to prosper. Would it be possible to list events on the Facebook page like the Run Michigan Cheap races?

- Thank you for taking care of the trail!!! I would be so upset if it wasn't there.
- Connect directly to downtown Oxford. Also there is no trail to connect on Indianwood road from M24
- Keep up the great work. I love the trail!
- Love it! Great asset to the community
- N/A
- I appreciate the efforts to promote drainage and grooming of the trail, especially Hosner to Leonard.
- Thank you for the doggy poop bags and garbage cans!!! Now if dog owners would use.....
- Thank you for the garbage cans and dog poop bags... now if the owners used them.....
- Thank you
- Current trail manager is doing an outstanding job!
- I don't live near the trail and just recently visited for the first time this summer. After being a daily visitor to the CRT, PCT, and the MOT, I have to say Polly Ann May be my favorite. Thank you so much for doing all of the trail work so far. I'm looking forward to future projects.
- It would be nice to have a Port-a John here and there...
- The Leonard trailhead location frequently does not have the drinking fountains working and the water won't work so we can get water for our animals/horses.
- Love the trail, keep up the great work, thanks.
- Love it
- I don't think it's right that grants are used for walkers and bike riders when they pay nothing for the use of the trail system! Licensed snowmobilers Pay to use trail systems and are not allowed to use this trail system
- You do a great job. We can always improve. But it's wonderful to use.
- We absolutely love the Polly Ann Trail!
- N/A
- It's my favorite trail!
- No complaints.
- A bathroom at clarkston and rhodes would be nice. Flush toilets.
- I would like to see an extension from Baldwin to Joslyn under the power lines
- I really enjoyed this aspect of Orion.
- There are a group of women who walk at 8:30 daily, we talked about wanting to planting annuals, ( mums) so we could see them daily when walk. We start at Indianwood and walk to Oxford wooden pier(park at Indianwood lot north of Joslyn ) can a 10x 4 foot plot surrounded by railroad ties so mowers won't accidentally cut flowers , be designated by a bench? The plot should have mulch too, to cut down weeding. If we see weeds, we will pull
- Just a big thanks to Linda Moran and the fantastic job she does!

- The current Polly Ann Trail Manager, Linda Moran, has done an outstanding job of managing, improving, and maintaining the 16.9 mile Polly Ann Trail that was recently designated as a Pure Michigan Trail. It is amazing that a trail of this length can look this nice based on the extremely limited amount of funds provided by the five (5) participating communities that comprise the Polly Ann Trailway Management Council.
- There needs to be crossing lights at the intersection of Indianwood Rd.!!!!!! This is a very dangerous crossing!!!! Cars are traveling too fast on Indianwood Rd. There should also be a bike lane alongside Indianwood Rd. to get to the trail entrance. Cars drive very fast and reckless on this road.
- Keep up the good work improving the trail. Like you added the drinking fountain at Clarkston Road.
- The trail is great. I ride it several times a week. They put a lot of work into maintenance of the trail
- Great job whomever is in charge.
- A continuation of the Polly Ann Trail that goes south along Joslyn (using the abandoned CN rail to the Orion Plant) and east and west (using ITC right-of-ways) respectively to connect areas such as: Retail in the Brown Rd. and Baldwin Rd. area; connectivity to Bald Mountain State Park; or to the Paint Creek Trail.
- The trail is great. I ride it several times a week. They put a lot of work into maintenance of the trail
- Linda has really implemented a lot of improvements and activities to the trail (waste cans, water fountains, bicycle repair stations, pollinator garden, DIA Inside Out Program, fixed sections where water ran down the trail, new signs, trimming the branches, and more...). Thanks Linda! Oh, it is the best rail-to-trail in Michigan!
- Trail manager is excellent. A lot of improvements have occurred since she took the helm.
- Thanks
- Keep up the great work
- Love the new signage!
- It would be nice to have trees or something between the trail and the road along Lakeville road. The stretch between Koenig's driveway near Bay Point Drive and the elementary school isn't as nice to run on as the other stretches because it feels like it is directly next to a busy road.

# Appendix F: Easements + Agreements

DEC 29 1995  
OCT 27 1995  
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CLERK'S OFFICE Charter Township of Orion  
Supervisor's Office

**QUIT CLAIM DEED**  
STATUTORY FORM FOR CORPORATION

USE# 15802 PG 330

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That LAKES OF INDIANWOOD SUBDIVISION ASSOCIATION  
a Michigan Non-Profit Corporation  
the address of which is 2025 W. Long Lake Road, Suite 104, Troy, Michigan 48098

Quit Claim s to CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF ORION  
whose street number and postoffice address is 2525 Joslyn Road, Lake Orion, Michigan 48360

the following described premises situated in the Township of Orion County of Oakland  
and State of Michigan, to-wit:

Part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 4, T.4N., R.10E., Orion Township, Oakland County, Michigan, being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point which is S88°40'33"W 1928.69 ft. along the East and West 1/4 line of Section 4 and N01°19'27"W 60.00 ft. from the East 1/4 corner of Section 4, T.4N., R.10E.; thence S88°40'33"W 50.00 ft.; thence N01°19'27"W 100.00 ft.; thence N88°40'33"E 50.00 ft.; thence S01°19'27"E 100.00 ft. to the point of beginning. Containing 5,000 Square Feet --- 0.115 Acres.

*THE ABOVE LEGAL EASES WITHIN PART OF INDIANWOOD PARK OF LAKES OF INDIANWOOD SUB #1*

Said Premises shall be used as a public parking area or as passive use open space only.

together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances therunto belonging or in anywise appertaining,  
for the sum of One and 00/100 (\$1.00) Dollar

Exempt from Real Estate Transfer Tax by virtue of MSA 7.456(5)(a) and MSA 7.456(26)(a).

Dated this 24th day of October 19 95

Signed in the presence of:  
Joyce E. Kuhn  
Carol Miesner

Signed by:  
LAKES OF INDIANWOOD SUBDIVISION ASSOCIATION  
a Michigan Non-Profit Corporation  
By Andrew M. Coden  
Its President

\$ 7.00 DEED  
\$ 2.00 REMONUMENTATION  
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LYNN D. ALLEN, CLERK/REGISTER OF DEEDS

STATE OF MICHIGAN }  
County of OAKLAND }

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 24th day of October 19 95 by Andrew M. Coden, President  
(Individual Name(s) and Office(s) Held)  
of Lakes of Indianwood Subdivision  
(Corporate Name)  
Association, a Michigan Non-Profit corporation, on behalf of the corporation.  
(State of Incorporation)

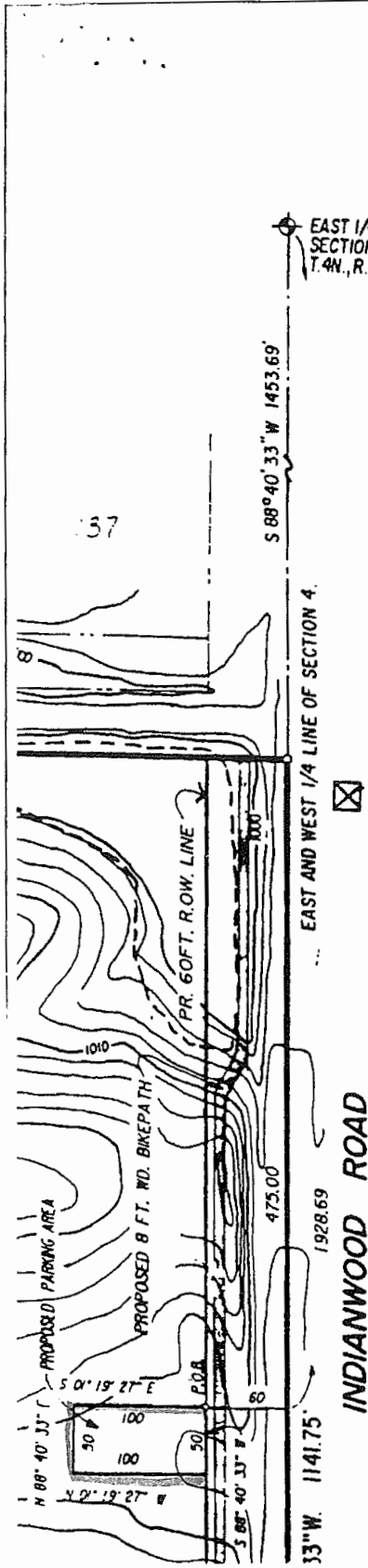
My Commission expires March 26, 19 97  
Joyce E. Kuhn Notary Public,  
Oakland County, Michigan

When Recorded Return To: Grantee	Send Subsequent Tax Bills To: Grantee	Drafted by: Andrew M. Coden, Esq. Business Address 2025 W. Long Lake Road, Suite 10 Troy, Michigan 48098
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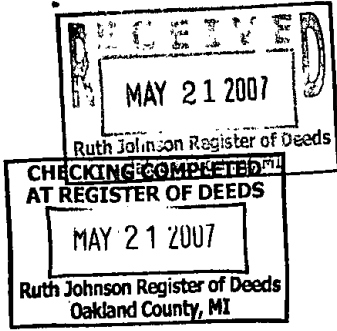
BURTON ABSTRACT AND TITLE COMPANY HAS OPERATED CONTINUOUSLY SINCE 1866

MAKE YOUR REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS SAFE BY USING BURTON TITLE INSURANCE



- 1. Proposed development is for single family residential use.
- 2. All lots meet the minimum requirements of 15,000 Sq. Ft. and minimum frontage at the building line of 100 Ft.
- 3. Minimum proposed setback is 40 Ft.
- 4. Layout and dimensions are tentative and subject to modification upon calculations of the plat.
- 5. The developer shall comply with all applicable codes and ordinances of the Township of Orion, Oakland County and State of Michigan.
- 6. Footpath throughout open space area will be installed.
- 7. Open space areas are to be a private park for the use of the Lakes of Indianwood Sub.
- 8. Proposed road crossing at the railroad property will be subject to the specifications of the Grand Trunk Railroad and the Oakland County Road Commission. A wood bridge shall be constructed which will provide clearance to allow use of the railroad right-of-way as a trailway.
- 9. Acceleration/Deceleration lanes at Indianwood Road to meet Oakland County Road Commission Standards.
- 10. Public sanitary sewer and water main will be provided for all lots. Public water main to be extended from Indianwood Road and Joselyn Road area.
- 11. Pavement to be 27 ft. wide back to back (except at entrance boulevard), with enclosed storm sewers. All pavement will meet the standards and specifications of the Oakland County Road Commission.
- 12. Nakomis road shall not be used for construction vehicles except for three (3) lots fronting on Nakomis.
- 13. Easement for overhead tower lines to be coordinated with Detroit Edison.
- 14. A homeowner's association will be created upon recording of the final plat. The open space areas will be conveyed to the association upon its creation. The homeowner's association will be required to place into escrow with the title company a deed conveying the parking area to Orion Township. If requested by Orion Township, the title company will release the deed to the Township.





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\$19.00 MISC RECORDING  
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RUTH JOHNSON, CLERK/REGISTER OF DEEDS

**EASEMENT FOR RECREATIONAL TRAILWAY PURPOSES**

**E - 1828**

FOR AND IN CONSIDERATION OF One Dollar (\$1.00) in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Koenig Sand & Gravel, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company whose address is 1955 E. Lakeville Road, Oxford, Michigan 48371-5264 does hereby Convey and Quit-Claim to the MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, whose post office address is P.O. Box 30448, Lansing, MI 48909-7948, and to its successors and assigns the permanent nonexclusive easement and right to place, construct, operate, repair and maintain a public use recreational trailway across the following described parcel of land situated in the Township of Oxford, County of Oakland, State of Michigan to wit:

Oakland County, Oxford Township, T5N, R10E, Section 24, as described in the survey by Gildner Engineering dated 06/10/02, Job #98-222 attached hereto; a parcel of land being part of Section 24, T5N, R10E, Oxford Township, Oakland County, Michigan, being more fully described as follows: A 50 foot strip of land, perpendicular in width, whose centerline is described as commencing at Point A as referenced in the Legal Description of the Polly Ann Trail as described in the above noted survey; Thence N17°15'41"E 185.86 feet; Thence S84°38'28"E 290.58 feet; Thence N82°26'36.0"E 118.45 feet; Thence N33°55'12"E 177.42 feet to the point of ending at Point C as referenced in the Legal Description of the Polly Ann Trail as described in the above noted survey, excluding that part of the description contained in the Legal Description of Polly Ann Trail in above noted survey. Also a 90 foot strip of land, perpendicular in width, whose east line is described as commencing at Point D as referenced in the Legal Description of the Polly Ann Trail as described in the above noted survey; Thence N01°49'26"W 184.62 feet to its ending point being Koenig's east Property line, excluding that part of the description contained in the Legal Description of Polly Ann Trail in above noted survey (1.15 acres)

Part of Tax Parcels 04-24-451-001 and 04-24-451-004

This easement is subject to the following conditions and requirements:

- (1) That this Recreational Trail Easement is for public use for recreational trail purposes, and the Grantor retains all rights in and to the surface of said premises, and beneath the surface thereof, including the right to install or grant to others the right to cross said easement with roads or install underground pipes and conduits under said easement trail as may be deemed necessary by the Grantor. The Grantor shall restore the property and Grantees improvements as near as possible to their original

Exempt from State Transfer Tax claimed under authority of Section 6(a), Act 255, P.A. 1994 (207.526, Michigan Compiled Laws).  
Exempt County Real Property Transfer Fee claimed under authority of Section 5(a), Act 134, P.A. 1966 (207.505, Michigan Compiled Laws).

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condition upon completion of any work in the easement trail by Grantor, its successors, invitees or assigns.

- (2) Grantee has the right to install within the fifty (50') foot strip of land described in this Easement adequate ditches, bridges, and culverts where necessary for the maintenance of the trail.
- (3) Grantee has the right to the removal at any time of such trees, shrubs and vegetation within the fifty (50') foot strip of land described in this Easement as necessary to the construction and maintenance of the trail; provided, that all desirable trees, shrubs, and vegetation which do not interfere with the construction, maintenance or use of the trail are to be preserved and shall not be removed or disturbed.
- (4) Grantee accepts this easement subject to all prior and valid easements, permits, licenses, leases, and other rights existing or pending at the time of the issuance of this easement, which may have been granted for said lands.
- (5) When the above-described land is no longer used for the purposes herein granted, this easement shall become null and void and of no effect.

This instrument shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties, hereto, their heirs, representatives, successors and assigns.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2005.

Koenig Sand & Gravel, L.L.C.  
a Michigan limited liability company

By: *Norman J. Fredericks, Jr.*  
Norman J. Fredericks, Jr., Manager

STATE OF MICHIGAN     )  
  ) ss  
COUNTY OF OAKLAND    )

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2005, by Norman J. Fredericks, Jr., a Manager of Koenig Sand & Gravel, LLC, on behalf of said limited liability company.

**MARY A. GUDOBBA**  
Notary Public, Macomb County, MI  
My Commission Expires 01-29-08  
Acting in Oakland County, MI

*Mary A. Gudobba*  
Notary Public Mary A. Gudobba  
State of Michigan, (~~Oakland~~) Macomb County  
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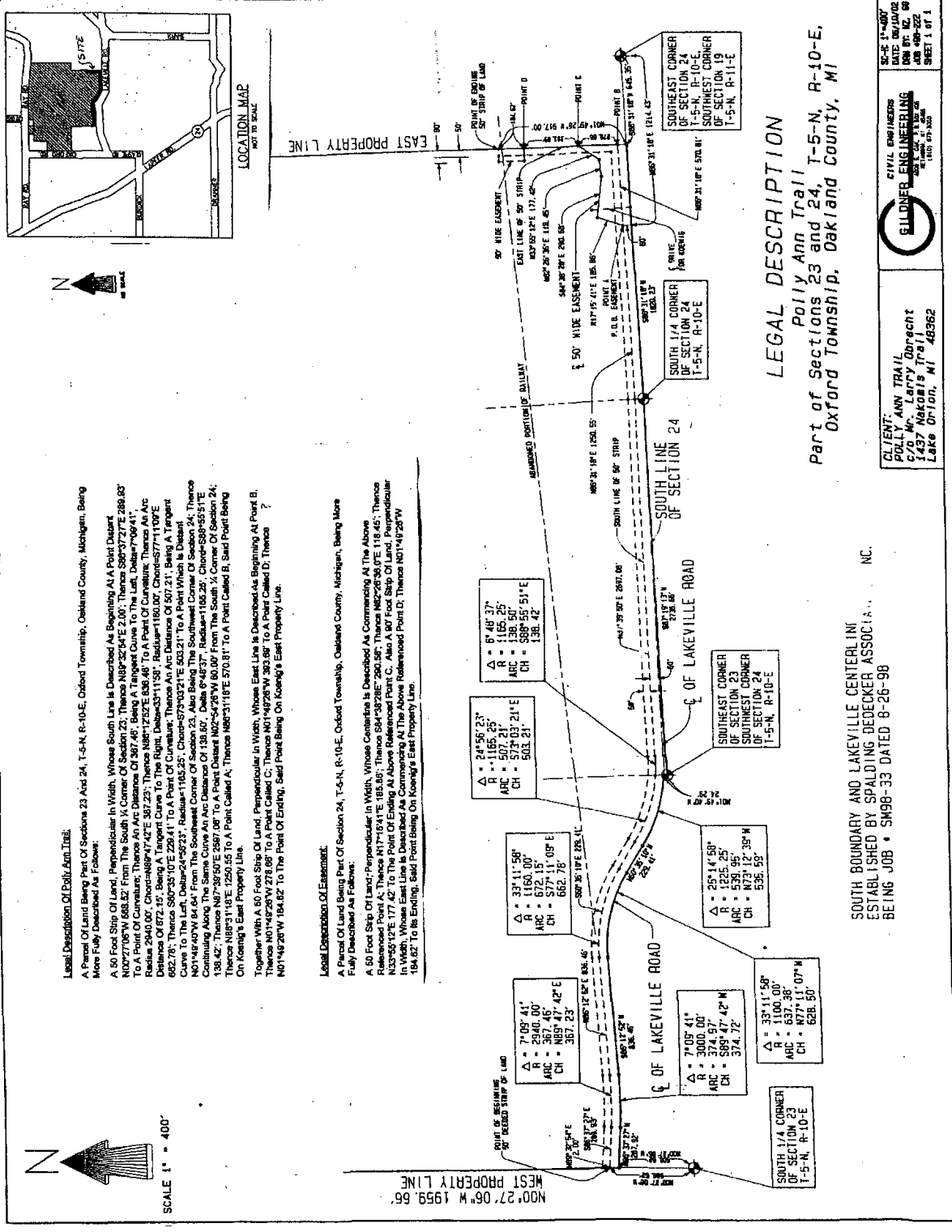
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Dawda, Mann, Mulcahy & Sadler, PLC  
39533 Woodward Avenue, Suite 200  
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304

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Walter Linn, Closing Officer  
Real Estate Services  
Office of Land and Facilities  
P.O. Box 30448  
Lansing, Michigan 48909-7948

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**Local Description Of East Property Line:**  
 A Parcel Of Land Being Part Of Sections 23 And 24, T-5-N, R-10-E, Oxford Township, Oakland County, Michigan, Being More Fully Described As Follows:  
 A 50 Foot Strip Of Land, Perpendicular In Width, Whose South Line Is Described As Beginning At A Point Designated N00°27'06"W 568.82' From The South 1/4 Corner Of Section 23; Thence N89°32'54"E 2.00'; Thence S89°37'27"E 268.80' To A Point Of Curvature; Thence An Arc Distance Of 387.46', Being A Right Circular Arc Centered At The Intersection Of The East Property Line And The East Line Of Section 24; Thence S02°05'10"E 229.41' To A Point Of Curvature; Thence An Arc Distance Of 507.21', Being A Tangent Curve To The Left, Centered At A Point 1165.25' Radial From The Southeast Corner Of Section 24; Thence N01°49'40"W 84.64' From The Southeast Corner Of Section 23, Also Being The Southwest Corner Of Section 24; Thence Continuing Along The Same Curve An Arc Distance Of 138.50', Delta 8°45'37", Radius=1165.25', Chord=858'55.51"E 138.42'; Thence N87°35'05"E 289.08' To A Point Designated N02°54'26"W 60.00' From The South 1/4 Corner Of Section 24; Thence N89°31'18"E 1250.55' To A Point Called A; Thence N89°31'18"E 570.81' To A Point Called B; Said Point Being On Koenig's East Property Line.

Together With A 60 Foot Strip Of Land, Perpendicular In Width, Whose East Line Is Described As Beginning At Point B; Thence N01°49'20"W 278.88' To A Point Called C; Thence N01°49'20"W 392.88' To A Point Called D; Thence N01°49'20"W 184.82' To The Point Of Ending, Said Point Being On Koenig's East Property Line.

**Local Description Of Easement:**  
 A Parcel Of Land Being Part Of Section 24, T-5-N, R-10-E, Oxford Township, Oakland County, Michigan, Being More Fully Described As Follows:  
 A 50 Foot Strip Of Land; Perpendicular In Width, Whose Centerline Is Described As Commencing At The Above Reference Point A; Thence S84°52'26"E 290.88'; Thence N82°28'38"E 118.46'; Thence S82°28'38"E 118.46'; Thence N84°52'26"E 290.88' To The Point Of Ending At Above Referenced Point C; Also A 60 Foot Strip Of Land, Perpendicular In Width, Whose East Line Is Described As Commencing At The Above Referenced Point D; Thence N01°49'20"W 184.82' To Its Ending, Said Point Being On Koenig's East Property Line.

N00°27'06"W 1959.66'  
 WEST PROPERTY LINE

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**  
 Polly Ann Trail  
 Part of Sections 23 and 24, T-5-N, R-10-E,  
 Oxford Township, Oakland County, MI

SOUTH BOUNDARY AND LAKEVILLE CENTERLINE  
 ESTABLISHED BY SPALDING DEDECKER ASSOCIATES, INC.  
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 1437 Nakomis Trail  
 Lake Orion, MI 48362

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**Section 7. Telecommunications Agreements.** The Association, acting through its duly constituted Board of Directors and subject to the Developer's approval during the Development and Sales Period, shall have the power to grant such easements, licenses and other rights of entry, use and access and to enter into any contract or agreement, including wiring agreements, right-of-way agreements, access agreements and multi-unit agreements and, to the extent allowed by law, contracts for sharing of any installation or periodic subscriber service fees as may be necessary, convenient or desirable to provide for telecommunications, video text, broad band cable, fiber optics, satellite dish, earth antenna and similar services (collectively "Telecommunications") to the Project or any Unit therein. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event shall the Board of Directors enter into any contract or agreement or grant any easement, license or right of entry or do any other act or thing which will violate any provision of any federal, state or local law or ordinance. Any and all sums paid by any Telecommunications or other company or entity in connection with such service, including fees, if any, for the privilege of installing same or sharing periodic subscriber service fees, shall be receipts affecting the administration of the Condominium project within the meaning of the Act and shall be paid over to and shall be the property of the Association.

**Section 8. Emergency Vehicle Access Easement.** An easement is hereby granted for the benefit of the Township of Oxford and any emergency service agency over the roadways located throughout the Condominium for use by the Township and/or emergency vehicles. Said easement shall be for purposes of ingress and egress to provide, without limitation, for fire and police protection, ambulance and rescue services and other lawful governmental or private emergency services to the Condominium Project and Co-owners thereof. This grant of easement shall in no way be construed as a dedication of any roads or driveways to the public.

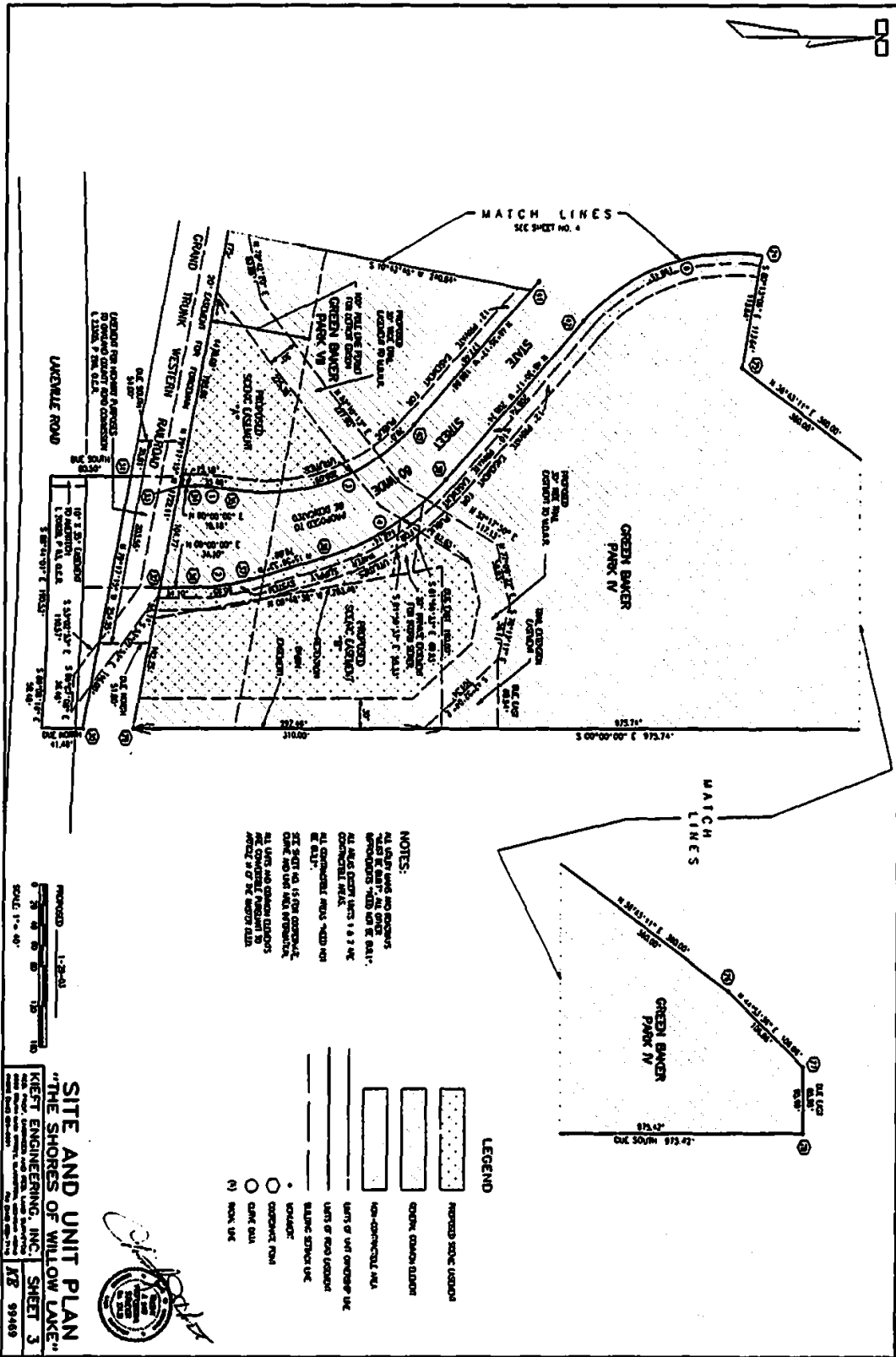
**Section 9. Trail and Scenic Easements.** The Developer has reserved the right to grant an easement over those portions of the Condominium labeled on Exhibit B attached as Proposed Trail Easement and Proposed Scenic Easements to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for the benefit of the public.

## ARTICLE X

### AMENDMENT

This Master Deed and the Condominium Subdivision Plan may be amended with the consent of 66-2/3% of the Co-owners, except as hereinafter set forth:

**Section 1. Modification of Units or Common Elements.** No Unit dimension may be modified in any material way without the consent of the Co-owner and mortgagee of such Unit nor may the nature or extent of Limited Common Elements, if any, or the responsibility for maintenance, repair or replacement thereof be modified in any material way without the written consent of the Co-owner and mortgagee of any Unit to which the same are appurtenant, except as otherwise expressly provided in this Master Deed or in the Bylaws to the contrary.



## Appendix G: Draft Plan Availability and Public Hearing Notice

The Public Review Notice and a copy of the Draft Master Plan were posted on the Polly Ann Trail website for one month. The Public Hearing Notice was published in *The Oxford Leader Newspaper* on December 16, 2020. A copy of each of the notices, Minutes from the Public Hearing and the PATMC Master Plan Resolution can be on the following pages.

### **Notice Polly Ann Trailway Public Review of Master Plan**

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Written comments may be submitted to the Trail Manager at: 23 E. Elmwood P.O. Box 112 Leonard MI 48367 or by email at: [manager@pollyantrailway.org](mailto:manager@pollyantrailway.org) and must be received before January 17, 2021.

Linda S. Moran  
Polly Ann Trail Manager  
Oakland County

### **PUBLIC INPUT AND COMMENTS**

The PATMC received one comment via email during the public comment period. A summary of the comment is below:

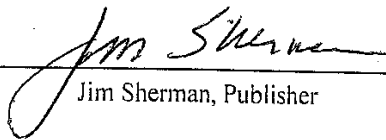
Concern was expressed about the removal of vegetation along the trail between Indianwood and Drahner Roads and the impacts it has had on the trail shoulder and removing screening effect that the vegetation provided. It was recommended that the PATMC allow the natural vegetation to return.

Related to this public comment, the PATMC will partner with Oakland County Cisma to create an invasive species management plan for the trail and work to improve existing green infrastructure, wetlands, mature trees and wildlife habitat.

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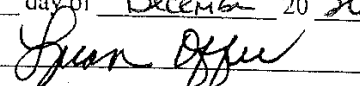
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Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of December 20 20  


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**Affidavit of Publication for the notice of public comment period from December 17, 2020 - January 17, 2021 and Public Hearing Notice as published in the Oxford Leader on December 16, 2020.**



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## Polly Ann Trail new Master Plan nears completion

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**By Teddy Rydquist**  
Leader Staff Writer

A project a couple of years in the making, the Polly Ann Trail is closing in on the finalization of their Master Plan, which will replace the plan that expired in 2017.

"We basically started from scratch," said Linda Moran, who has served as the Polly Ann Trail Manager since 2016. "We needed to do some updating on our interlocal agreement and our bylaws in order to get trust fund grants from the state of Michigan, there's certain criteria you have to meet. We have been working with the DNR (Department of Natural Resources), we've been working with Oakland County, and then all of the local municipalities to update our requirements. "We have updated those, we did some community outreach meetings, two in each of the communities, we put all of our demographics and all our information together and we are now working on our finished product, which, hopefully, will be on public display within the next week. "We'll have a copy of it at the municipalities, unfortunately, most of them are closed because of COVID, we'll have a link on our website where people can look at our Master Plan and give us any kind of feedback they would like, as far as what our ideals are vs. the community."

December 4 is the target date to have this information available to the public. The trail's website is [pollyanntrailway.org](http://pollyanntrailway.org).

Compiling information during a series of six public meetings in fall 2019, Moran shared the areas of importance in the new plan.

"What we are looking at, this time around, is we need to have some work done on the trail. We need resurfacing done, the trail has not been resurfaced since it was created 20 years ago, and they recommend every 10 years to have it resurfaced. "She's (the trail) holding together well, but she needs some work. There's different upgrades we would like to do as far as upgrading our parking lots and possibly getting some bathroom facilities out there, right now we only have a few out there and we'd like to see about possibly getting some more."

The Master Plan is what they have planned for the next five years.

The process of finalizing this plan involves a few steps and residents of the Oakland County portion's five communities – Addison Township, Orion Township, Oxford Township, Village of Leonard, and Village of Oxford – play a critical role in this process.


Each of these five communities are represented on the Polly Ann Trail Management Council (PATMC), which oversees the Oakland County portion.

"Once all the revisions are done, we (the PATMC) will send it out to be reviewed by the public, like a public reviewing period, and I believe that is 30 days," Moran said. "So, people can go to the website, they can go to the municipalities, take a look at it, give us any feedback, then the Council meets again, we go over the revisions, that sort of thing.

"Once everything is set, all the revisions are done, we send it to the state of Michigan, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. They review it and approve it, then send it back to us. Once that's done, it's adopted by the Council, and the communities, and we are off for the next five years."

The Council's plan to emphasize additional parking and restroom facilities mirrors what they heard from the residents during their community outreach meetings.

The Polly Ann Trail relies heavily on grants from the state to fund their efforts, which were significantly decreased in 2020 because of the coronavirus (COVID-19). If you would like to donate to help the trail continue to thrive, this can be done using American Express, Discover, Mastercard and Visa on their website.

 Linda Moran

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**An article was published in the Oxford Leader on December 2, 2020 related to the Polly Ann Trailway Master Plan update.**

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## Polly Ann Trail Master Plan

This plan will also help the Polly Ann Trailway Management Council work toward achieving the following Mission Statement:

*"To establish and operate a non-motorized greenway accessible to all and positively impacting the lives of all within its sphere of influence."*


View the 2021-2023 Polly Ann Trailway Master Plan below.

**ATTENTION:** Don't miss an opportunity to participate in the 2021-2023 Polly Ann Trailway Master Plan. The draft Trailway Master Plan will be available for view and public comment from December 17, 2020 to January 16, 2021. You are invited and encouraged to review and submit comments or questions about the Polly Ann Trail to be included in the final version of the plan.


Please submit questions and comments before January 16, 2021 to: [manager@pollyanntrailway.org](mailto:manager@pollyanntrailway.org)

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*Notice of public comment period starting on December 17, 2020 as posted on the Polly Ann Trail website.*

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**NOTICE !!!!!**

The Polly Ann Trailway Management Council will be having a Public Hearing in regard to the 2021-2025 Master Plan at their Meeting Wednesday January 20, 2021 via GoToMeeting video conference. **(Please click here to view or download the Meeting Agenda)** Any interested person that would like to provide comment on the 2021-2025 Master Plan can attend the "GoToMeeting" via the following link and **Access Code:** <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/497160141> **Access Code = 497-160-141**

*Notice of Public Hearing on January 20, 2021 as posted on the Polly Ann Trail website.*

## Appendix H: Public Hearing Minutes

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE POLLY ANN TRAILWAY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL WAS HELD NOVEMBER 18, 2020; 3:00 PM VIA “GotoMeetings” VIDEO CONFERENCE

(Meeting conducted via video conference due to the health concern of COVID-19 and Governor Whitmer’s Executive Order 2020-48)

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN CURTIS WRIGHT AT 3:01 P.M.**

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION:** Donni Steele

**3. ROLL CALL: (MEMBERS PRESENT)**

**Curtis Wright (Chair), OXT- virtually attending from Oxford Township**

**Mike McDonald (Vice Chair), LV- virtually attending from Addison Township**

**Donni Steele (Treasurer), ORT- virtually attending from Orion Township**

**Allison Kemp (Secretary), OXV- virtually attending from the Village of Oxford**

**Jonathon Nold, OXT- virtually attending from Oxford Township**

**Bruce Pearson, AT- virtually attending from Addison Township**

**Ed Brakefield, AT- virtually attending from the Village of Leonard**

**Aaron Whatley, ORT- virtually attending from Orion Township**

**Linda Moran (Trail Manager)- virtually attending from Oxford Township**

**Julia Dalrymple, ORT Alternate-sitting in (non-voting)**

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**KEVEN GREENE (non-voting Citizen Rep), OXV**

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**MOTION BY:** Nold **SECOND BY:** Whatley

To approve the January 20, 2021 meeting agenda

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES: (8)** Wright, Steele, Kemp, Nold, Whatley, Pearson, McDonald, Brakefield

**NAYS: (0)**

**ABSENT: (0)**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**5. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**MOTION BY:** Nold **SECOND BY:** Whatley

To approve the Consent Agenda including:

- a. Approval of the November 18, 2020 Meeting Minutes as amended
- b. Approval of the November 18, 2020 Closed Session Minutes
- c. Treasurers Report
  1. Approval of Bills to be paid = **\$3,899.85** for November 2020 and **\$3029.62** for December 2020
  2. Receive and File Financial Reports for November 2020 and December 2020
- d. Trail Manager Report for December 2020 and January 2021

**ROLL CALL: Amendment to Meeting Minutes**

**AYES: (8)** Wright, Steele, Kemp, Whatley, Nold, Pearson, McDonald, Brakefield

**NAYS: (0)**

**ABSENT: (0)**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES: (8)** Wright, Steele, Whatley, Nold, Pearson, McDonald, Brakefield, Kemp

**NAYS: (0)**

**ABSENT: (0)**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**6. PUBLIC HEARING: Polly Ann Trail 2021-2025 Trailway Master Plan**

**MOTION BY:** Nold **SECOND BY:** McDonald

To open the Public Hearing to discuss the Polly Ann Trail 2021-2025 Trailway Master Plan.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES: (8)** Wright, Steele, Whatley, McDonald, Nold, Brakefield, Pearson, Kemp

**NAYS: (0)**

**ABSENT: (1) Kemp**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION BY:** Nold **SECOND BY:** Steele

To close the Polly Ann Trail 2021-2025 Trailway Master Plan public hearing at 3:12.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES: (7)** Wright, Steele, Whatley, McDonald, Nold, Brakefield, Pearson

**NAYS: (0)**

**ABSENT: (1) Kemp**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

NONE

**8. CITIZEN REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:**

NONE

**9. Unfinished Business:**

**a. Polly Ann Trailway 2021-2025 Master Plan Approval**

**MOTION BY:** Nold **SECOND BY:** Steele

To approve the Polly Ann Trail 2021-2025 Trailway Master Plan as presented.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES: (7)** Wright, Steele, Kemp, Whatley, McDonald, Nold, Brakefield

**NAYS: (0)**

**ABSENT: (1) Pearson**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**b. Resolution to adopt the 2021-2025 Polly Ann Master Plan and Transmittal Letters**

**MOTION BY:** Steele **SECOND BY:** Whatley

To approve the Resolution to adopt the 2021-2025 Polly Ann Trailway Master Plan, and direct the Polly Ann Trailway Management Council Chairman to forward transmittal letters to the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments and Oakland County EDCA, and to forward all required documents to the Michigan Departments of Natural Resources in required to the 2021-2025 Polly Ann Trailway Master Plan.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES: (7)** Wright, Steele, Kemp, Whatley, McDonald, Nold, Brakefield

**NAYS: (0)**

**ABSENT: (1)** Pearson

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION BY:** McDonald **SECOND BY:** Nold

To officially recognize the comments we received by email as part of the record of this meeting so there is no question that they were read and also will become a part of the record.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES: (7)** Wright, Steele, Kemp, Whatley, McDonald, Nold, Brakefield

**NAYS: (0)**

**ABSENT: (1)** Pearson

**MOTION CARRIED**

Trail Manager Linda Moran received an email (forwarded to Council) containing comments regarding the Master Plan from Gary Szuch. Mr. Szuch commented that area of the Trail between Indianwood and Drahner Road had widened over the years and expressed concerns that excessive brush cutting maybe damaging the Trail shoulder and surrounding area.

**10. New Business**

**a. Mowing Contract**

**MOTION BY:** Steele **SECOND BY:** Whatley

To approve the mowing contract with Urban Habitat Outdoor Services for a two year period with an option for a third year at the flat rate of \$750.00 for each full monthly mowing occurrence, and authorize the Polly Ann Trailway Management Council Chairmen to sign the Mowing Contract, provided that appropriate insurances are up to date and held up to date for the duration of the contract.

**ROLL CALL:** Amendment to add Appropriate Insurances

**AYES: (8)** Wright, Steele, Kemp, Whatley, McDonald, Nold, Pearson, Brakefield

**NAYS: (0)**

**ABSENT: (0)**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION BY:** Steele **SECOND BY:** Whatley

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**ROLL CALL:** Original Motion

**AYES: (8)** Wright, Steele, Kemp, Whatley, McDonald, Nold, Pearson, Brakefield

**NAYS: (0)**

**ABSENT: (0)**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**b. Restroom Facilities**

**MOTION BY:** Steele **SECOND BY:** Nold

To authorize Aaron Whatley to seek out a draft from OHM for cost of placing permanent toilet vault at Water Depot and to give a report at the February meeting. He is also authorized to reach out to the (Lake Orion) Engineer.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES: (8)** Wright, Steele, Kemp, Whatley, McDonald, Nold, Pearson, Brakefield

**NAYS: (0)**

**ABSENT: (0)**



**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION BY:** Steele **SECOND BY:** Nold

To direct Trail Manager Linda Moran to contact Turner Sanitation and order two portable toilets at a monthly cost of \$90.00 per unit plus delivery fees to be placed at Water Depot and Milk Run along the Polly Ann Trail. The cost of portable restrooms to be expensed to account 298-852-932.000 Maintenance of Grounds and also to confer with Jeff Stout from Lake Orion in case we can tie our order in with his order.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES: (8)** Wright, Steele, Kemp, Whatley, McDonald, Nold, Pearson, Brakefield

**NAYS: (0)**

**ABSENT: (0)**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**c. Document Scanning**

**MOTION BY:** Nold **SECOND BY:** Wright

To contact ALCOGARE to do our scanning under the direction of Trail Manager Linda Moran and Curtis Wright.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES: (8)** Wright, Steele, Kemp, Whatley, McDonald, Nold, Pearson, Brakefield

**NAYS: (0)**

**ABSENT: (0)**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**d. Contract Work at Water Depot**

Agenda item was postponed until the February Polly Ann Trail Management Council Meeting to allow for further update.

NO FURTHER ACTION NEEDED AT THIS TIME

**e. Purchase of Hats and T-Shirts**

**MOTION BY:** Wright **SECOND BY:** Nold

To authorize Polly Ann Trail Manager Linda Moran to provide cost estimates for purchasing new Polly Ann Trail hats and T-shirts for the consideration of approval at the February 17, 2021 Polly Ann Trailway Management Council meeting.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES: (8)** Wright, Steele, Kemp, Whatley, McDonald, Nold, Pearson, Brakefield

**NAYS: (0)**

**ABSENT: (0)**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION BY:** Wright **SECOND BY:** Nold

To amend previous motion to include golf shirts.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES: (8)** Wright, Steele, Kemp, Whatley, McDonald, Nold, Pearson, Brakefield

**NAYS: (0)**

**ABSENT: (0)**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**11. Closed Session:** To consider disclosure contained in an Attorney written opinion letter and the PATMC Attorney written letter exempt under MCL 15.268h as Attorney Client Privilege.

**MOTION BY:** Steele **SECOND BY:** Nold

To enter closed session at 4:17 P.M.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES: (8)** Wright, Steele, Kemp, Whatley, Nold, McDonald, Pearson, Brakefield

**NAYS: (0)**

**ABSENT: (0)**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION BY:** Brakefield **SECOND BY:** Steele

To exit closed session at 4:34 P.M.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES: (8) Wright, Steele, Kemp, Whatley, Nold, McDonald, Pearson, Brakefield**

**NAYS: (0)**

**ABSENT: (0)**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**a. Trail Manager Employment Status**

**MOTION BY:** McDonald **SECOND BY:** Steele

To authorize the Polly Ann Trail to direct Trail Attorney to draft a contract for maintaining Trail Manager as Independent Contractor to the Trail and to make all necessary revisions to contract to do so and recommendations to do so and then Trail council members Steele and Nold to be the immediate contacts for the attorney to complete this task

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES: (8) Wright, Steele, Kemp, Whatley, McDonald, Nold, Pearson, Brakefield**

**NAYS: (0)**

**ABSENT: (0)**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**10. Public Comment**

NONE

**12. Council Comments**

Kemp, Brakefield, Pearson, McDonald, Whatley, Wright, Moran

**13. Adjournment**

**MOTION BY:** Steele **SECOND BY:** Nold

To adjourn at 4:44 p.m.

**Ayes: (8) Nays: (0) Absent: (0)**

**Motion Carried**

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING: February 17, 2021**

CHAIRMAN: \_\_\_\_\_ SECRETARY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Curtis Wright Allison Kemp

DRAFT

# Appendix I: Order of Adoption

## Polly Ann Trailway Management Council

### RESOLUTION

For the Oakland County Segment of the Polly Ann Trail

WHEREAS, the Polly Ann Trailway Management Council has undertaken a planning process to determine the recreation and trailway infrastructure improvement needs and desires of its residents covering a five-year period for the years 2021 through 2025, and

WHEREAS, the Polly Ann Trailway Management Council began the process of developing a 5-year trailway plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources that were made available to local communities, and

WHEREAS, residents of Orion Township, Oxford Township, Village of Oxford, Addison Township and the Village of Leonard were provided with a well-advertised opportunity during the development of the draft plan to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the parks and recreation plan, and

WHEREAS, the public was given a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the final draft plan for a period of at least 30 days, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on January 20, 2021 via "GoToMeeting" video conference to provide an opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the 2021-2025 Polly Ann Trailway Master Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Polly Ann Trailway Management Council has developed the plan as a guideline for improving the trailway and enhancing environmental stewardship for the member communities, and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing, the Polly Ann Trailway Management Council voted to adopt the 2021-2025 Polly Ann Trailway Master Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Polly Ann Trailway Management Council authorizes the PATMC Chairman to submit the final Master Plan and other required documents to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Polly Ann Trailway Management Council hereby adopts the 2021-2025 Polly Ann Trailway Master Plan.

Yeas: Wright, McDonald, Steele, Kemp, Pearson, Brakefield, Nold, Whatley

Nays: None

Absent: None

I, Curtis Wright, Chairman do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the Polly Ann Trailway Management Council at a Regular Meeting thereof held on the 20th day of January, 2021.



Curtis Wright, Chairman

Polly Ann Trailway Management Council

## Appendix J: Copy of Transmittal Letter to Oakland County



### Polly Ann Trailway Management Council

23 E. Elmwood St.  
P.O. Box 112

Leonard, MI, 48367  
[www.pollyanntrailway.org](http://www.pollyanntrailway.org)

248-981-1242

January 21, 2021

Bret Rasegan  
Oakland County EDCA  
2100 Pontiac Lake Road, Building 41 West  
Waterford, Michigan 48328

Dear Mr. Rasegan,

The Polly Ann Trailway Management Council adopted the attached 2021-2025 Polly Ann Trailway Master Plan at a regular meeting held on January 20, 2021. The plan and Certification Check List have been uploaded to the DNR website for their review and approval. The plan will be subject to future review and updates as deemed necessary by the Polly Ann Trailway Management Council and local member communities.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any comments regarding this plan.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Curtis Wright". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Curtis Wright, Chairman  
Polly Ann Trail Management Council

Enclosed: 2021-2025 Polly Ann Trailway Master Plan

## Appendix K: Copy of Transmittal Letter to SEMCOG



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January 21, 2021

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1001 Woodward Avenue, Suite 1400  
Detroit, Michigan 48226

Dear Mr. Klifman,

The Polly Ann Trailway Management Council adopted the attached 2021-2025 Polly Ann Trailway Master Plan at a regular meeting held on January 20, 2021. The plan and Certification Check List have been uploaded to the DNR website for their review and approval. The plan will be subject to future review and updates as deemed necessary by the Polly Ann Trailway Management Council and local member communities.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any comments regarding this plan.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Curtis Wright".

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Curtis Wright, Chairman  
Polly Ann Trail Management Council

Enclosed: 2021-2025 Polly Ann Trailway Master Plan

# Appendix L: Community Park & Recreation Plan Certification Checklist



Michigan Department of Natural Resources-Grants Management

## COMMUNITY PARK AND RECREATION PLAN

### CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST

By Authority of Parts 19, 703 and 716 of Act 451, P.A. 1994, as amended, submission of this information is required for eligibility to apply for grants

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Complete, obtain certification signatures and submit this checklist with a locally adopted recreation plan.

All recreation plans are required to meet the content and local approval standards listed in this checklist and as outlined in the *Guidelines for the Development of Community Park and Recreation Plans* provided by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Plans must be submitted to the DNR through MiRecGrants **with** a completed checklist that has been signed by an authorized official(s) of the local unit of government(s) submitting the plan. Plans may be submitted at any time of the year, but no later than February 1 of the year the local unit of government is applying for grants.

PLAN INFORMATION		
Name of Plan: <b>Polly Ann Trail Oakland County Segment 2021-2025 Trailway Master Plan</b>		
List the community names (including school districts) that are covered under the plan and have passed a resolution adopting the plan.	County	Month and year plan adopted by the community's governing body
<b>Polly Ann Trailway Management Council</b>	<b>Oakland</b>	<b>January 2021</b>

PLAN CONTENT
<p><b>INSTRUCTIONS:</b> Please check <u>each</u> box to certify that the listed information is included in the <u>final</u> plan.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>1. COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>2. ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roles of Commission(s) or Advisory Board(s)</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Department, Authority and/or Staff Description and Organizational Chart</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annual and Projected Budgets for Operations, Maintenance, Capital Improvements and Recreation Programming</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Current Funding Sources</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Role of Volunteers</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Relationship(s) with School Districts, Other Public Agencies or Private Organizations</li> </ul> <p><b>Recreation Authorities or Trailway Commissions Only:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Description of the Relationship between the Authority or Commission and the Recreation Departments of Participating Communities</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Articles of Incorporation</li> </ul> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>3. RECREATION INVENTORY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Description of Methods Used to Conduct the Inventory</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inventory of all Community Owned Parks and Recreation Facilities</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Location Maps (site development plans recommended but not required)</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accessibility Assessment</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Status Report for all Grant-Assisted Parks and Recreation Facilities</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Waterways Inventory (if applicable)</li> </ul> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>4. RESOURCE INVENTORY (OPTIONAL)</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>5. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS</b></p>



6. DESCRIPTION OF THE PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS

Description of the Method(s) Used to Solicit Public Input Before or During Preparation of the Plan, including a Copy of the Survey or Meeting Agenda and a Summary of the Responses Received

Copy of the Notice of the Availability of the Draft Plan for Public Review and Comment

Date of the Notice December 16, 2020

Type of Notice Online & Newspaper

Plan Location Polly Ann Trail Website

Duration of Draft Plan Public Review Period (Must be at Least 30 Days) 30 Days

Copy of the Notice for the Public Meeting Held after the One Month Public Review Period and Before the Plan's Adoption by the Governing Body(ies)

Date of Notice December 16, 2020

Name of Newspaper Oxford Leader

Date of Meeting January 20, 2021

Copy of the Minutes from the Public Meeting

7. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

8. ACTION PROGRAM

9. POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT(S)

**PLAN ADOPTION DOCUMENTATION**

**APPROVAL DOCUMENTATION:** For multi-jurisdictional plans, **each** local unit of government must pass a resolution adopting the plan. Prepare and attach a separate page for each unit of government included in the plan.

1. Official resolution of adoption by the governing body dated: Polly Ann Trailway Management Council

2. Official resolution of the \_\_\_\_\_ Commission or Board, recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body, dated: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to County Planning Agency dated: January 21, 2021

4. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to Regional Planning Agency dated: January 21, 2021

**OVERALL CERTIFICATION**

**NOTE:** For multi-jurisdictional plans, Overall Certification must include the signature of each local unit of government. Prepare and attach a separate signature page for each unit of government included in the plan.

*I hereby certify that the recreation plan for*

Polly Ann Trail-Oakland County Segment *includes the required content, as indicated*

(Local Unit of Government)

*above and as set forth by the DNR.*

  
Authorized Official for the Local Unit of Government

1/21/2021  
Date

**This completed checklist must be uploaded in MiRecGrants.**