



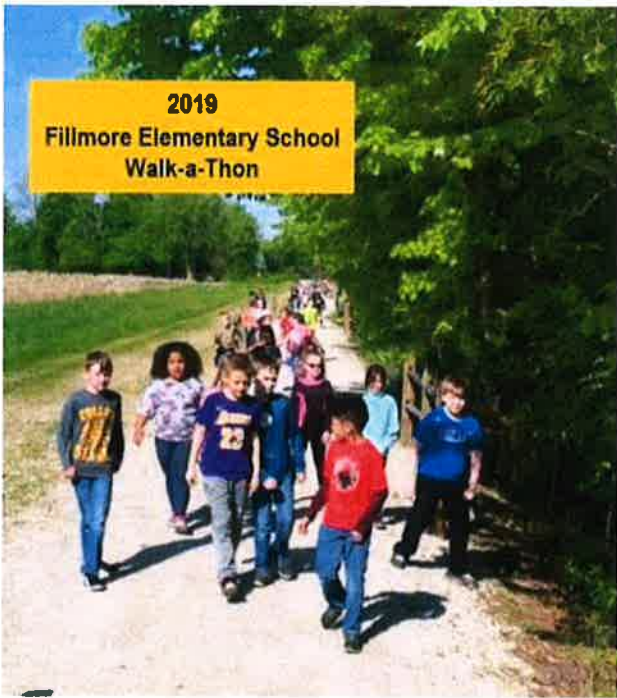
2019
PEOPLE PATHWAYS
PROGRESS REPORT

This year, an extra special “cheer” for People Pathways. During this time of uncertainty and limited gatherings, medical experts recommend to exercise by seeking “open space while avoiding groups or clusters”. As a community resource, our People Pathways growing network of multi-use trails, has offered the ideal venue to engage in healthy activity at a “safe distance”!

In the past few weeks, even though trail use has been restricted to individual and small group use, we are pleased to share the following reflection of 2019 events as we continue to promote, develop, and manage the trails.

FUN EVENTS TO PROMOTE PEOPLE PATHWAYS

In the Spring, Fillmore Elementary School students participated in a healthy activity while celebrating the end of another successful school year with their Spring Walk-a-Thon on the Vandalia Trail.





A group of National Road Heritage Trail avid bicyclists enjoyed their ride across Putnam County on our multi-use trail, including a stop along the Putnam Nature Trail.



September was a busy month for events! The sky was clear and the moon was out for the Harvest Moon Walk, held on the Big Walnut Sports Park Loop Trail.



Also, in September, the Bike and Hike with a Biologist was held at the Putnam Nature Trail. DNR Biologist Erin Basiger shared some of her knowledge with participants. At the end of the adventure, participants were treated to hobo stew and all the fixins!



The 1st ever Putnam County Corporate Relay was held this year on People Pathways with all four county schools participating in the competition friendly event.



Another “event” that started in 2019 is the Walk the Walk Challenge. In June, eleven teams started tracking how many miles they walked on the trails and turned them in each month. By the end of 2019, the teams logged 12,000 miles on the trails and enjoyed all the health benefits of all that activity! A big thank you to all who participated in the Walk the Walk Challenge!

While these are just the highlights of the events held on sections of the People Pathways, the ultimate goal is to encourage people to use the trails each day, whether it be for transportation or recreation! We love to see people on the trail at any time.

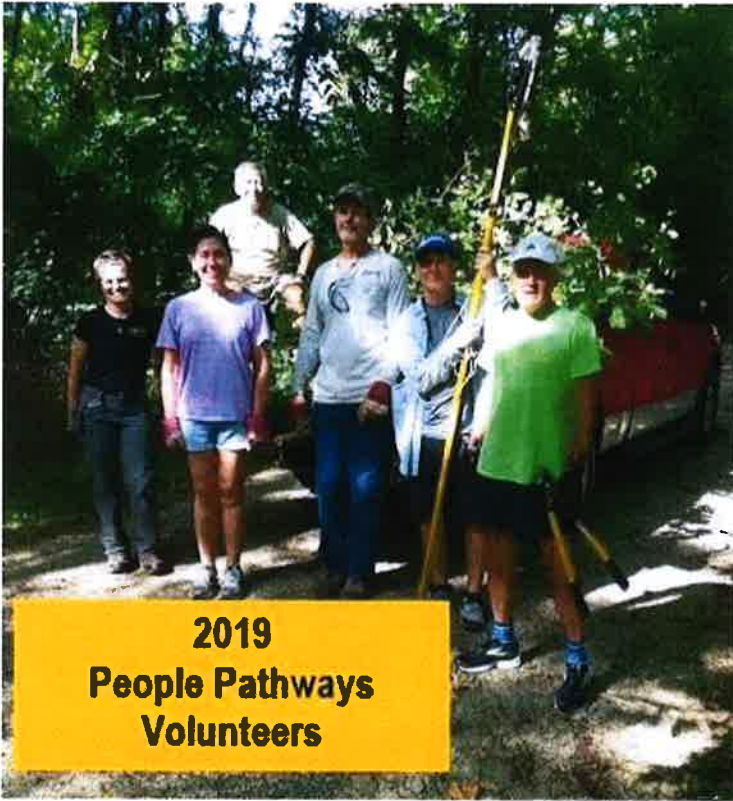
It has been necessary, unfortunately, to put planning for 2020 events on hold, but check out future events and/or trail activity on our FaceBook page at people_pathways.org.

TRAIL DEVELOPMENT UPDATE THE CAMPUS LINK TRAIL PHASE I

It is said that good things come to those who wait. Some issues beyond our control have delayed the official opening of the first phase of the Campus Link Trail. While we eagerly await the official “handing over” of ownership to the City of Greencastle, we know that good things are already happening with the trail already accessible for use.



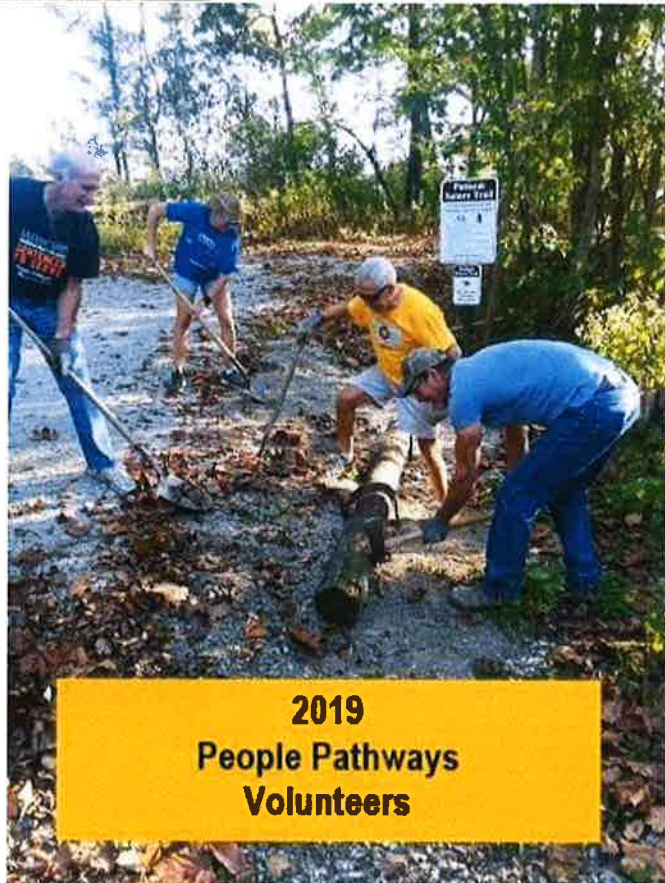
TRAIL MAINTENANCE



**2019
People Pathways
Volunteers**

The People Pathways Committee would like to thank our volunteers that make this all possible. Volunteers remain the heart, soul, and backbone of People Pathways as they tackle some of the hardest and most uncomfortable jobs to keep our multi-use trail, our "linear park," safe, attractive, and welcoming.

**A BIG
THANK YOU
TO OUR
VOLUNTEERS!**



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REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION

While People Pathways started as a glimmer of an idea, it has grown to the current size of 17.8-miles through lots of hard work from many individuals. This hard work comes in many forms, from running machinery used to clear brush, pave trails, and plant seeds, to shoveling soil and planting trees, to writing grants and coordinating activities, and finally, to donating hard earned money and cheering our successes from afar. We truly appreciate each and every person, group, and company that has contributed along the way to make People Pathways what it is today.

But we cannot sit back and say that we are finished. There are plans for more trails, more events, and more maintenance. We know that we cannot accomplish this alone. If you share a part of the vision, please consider making a donation to People Pathways!

For reference, People Pathways is a not-for-profit group that functions under the tax-exempt 501c3 organizations of Friends of the Parks Association of Putnam County, Inc. and National Road Heritage Trail, Inc. with every dollar spent locally to build, maintain, and promote our community's multi-use trail system. You may choose to send your tax-deductible contribution to either the People Pathways Endowment Fund at the Putnam County Community Foundation, 2 North Jackson Street, Greencastle, IN 46135 or People Pathways at 714 Highwood Avenue, Greencastle, IN 46135.

In closing, we thank you for your consideration, and we encourage you to access a Pathways trail to enjoy a bit of fresh air while walking, running, strolling, and/or biking. You'll feel better both mentally & physically when you return home, and your dog will be grateful, too!

WITH APPRECIATION,
People Pathways Committee



Here's to a fantastic
2020!
See you on the trail!