

## 2020 PEOPLE PATHWAYS PROGRESS REPORT

It's time to celebrate! This 2020 Progress Report is presented for your review in celebration of our community's People Pathways 25<sup>th</sup> Silver Anniversary.

Since the inception of People Pathways in 1995, the goal has been to create a network of multi-use trails to enhance the quality-of-life of our community, to help keep us healthy, and to help keep us connected. To that effort, through public and private partnerships, our community's multi-use trail system has steadily grown in phases as development and funding opportunities have become available.

The <u>biggest</u> news this year is the completion of the newest phase, the "CAMPUS LINK TRAIL/PHASE 1"! This 1.2-mile segment stretches from Indianapolis Road/Hwy 240 along the southside of Veterans Highway to Zinc Mill Road.

Since a formal opening in 2020 was not possible due to pandemic restrictions, Greencastle High School cross country teammates & coaches acted as community representatives to say "thank you" to community partners and perform the honor of symbolically "linking" the CAMPUS LINK TRAIL/PHASE 1 to our community's growing People Pathways multi-use trail network.



The students gathered at a special spot on the CAMPUS LINK TRAIL, the "confluence" of our community's trail network, that creates accessibility to our Greencastle Schools, industrial park, retail area, residential neighborhoods, and the developing cross-state National Road Heritage Trail!

## BUILD IT, THEY WILL COME TO THE CAMPUS LINK TRAIL/PHASE 1



















Take another look at the pictures above...Do you notice anything special?

People Pathways are *multi-use* trails. That means that the trails are for *everyone*, all ages and all ranges of mobility. Even our furry friends are welcome visitors to the trails! Did you use the trails for some socially distanced fresh air during this challenging year?

# SILVER ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATING THE VISION OF PEOPLE PATHWAYS BECOMING A REALITY IN PHASES OVER 25 YEARS





Greencastle/Fillmore Trail Opened 1999 \* 3.1-miles







Big Walnut Sports Park Link Trail Opened 2002 \* 1.75-miles





Big Walnut Sports Park Loop Trail Opened 2005 \* 1.25miles



Albin Pond/Safe Routes to School Trail Opened 2010 \* 2.3-miles





People Pathways/Putnam County Vandalia Trail Completed 2013 \* 4.7-miles



Putnam Nature Trail/Phase 1 Opened 2016 \* 0.8-miles



Putnam Nature Trail/Phase 2a & 2b Opened 2018 \* 2.60-miles



Campus Link Trail/Phase 1 Completed 2020 \* 1.2-miles



#### PASSING IT ON

2020 Ivy Tech students gave a refreshing coat of stain to the Greencastle/Fillmore gazebo that was sturdily built by Area 30 Career Center students in 1998.

### REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION

The People Pathways journey that began with one step in 1995 has now grown into a multiuse trail network that includes interconnected signed paths, share-the-road routes, 18-miles of separate trails connecting to an adjacent eastern county, with a current investment in our community of \$2,607,675.95 that was generated through Putnam County Community Foundation/DNR/INDOT grants, service organization contributions, local matching funds, fundraisers, and donations.

If you enjoy People Pathways and agree that it is one component of our community's quality-of-life, will you please consider making a donation to the People Pathways Endowment Fund this year? You may choose to send your contribution to 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. Both are tax deductible.

Again, many thanks for your consideration in helping to take care of and grow People Pathways. We are grateful for your support as we work together to create a pedestrian/bicycle friendly community, enhance the quality-of-life of our community, promote the good health & wellness of our citizens, and connect communities across Indiana.

With appreciation,
The People Pathways Committee



