



2018 PEOPLE PATHWAYS PROGRESS REPORT

WOW! 2018 was definitely a year of expansion for our community's growing multi-use trail system, our "linear park", with the opening of PUTNAM NATURE TRAIL/PHASE 2 and CAMPUS LINK TRAIL/PHASE 1.

PUTNAM NATURE TRAIL/PHASE 2

On August 14th, PUTNAM NATURE TRAIL/PHASE 2 was officially and enthusiastically opened with a celebration to say "Thank You" to the many partners who helped create the 2.6-mile smooth packed stone trail extending southwest from Limedale along the former Pennsylvania Railroad. With gratitude, we acknowledge those partners in the attached list.



This special event at CR150 West trailhead, included homemade hobo stew cooked on-site all day, the boys & girls track teams from South Putnam High School inaugurating the trail with a run from the southwest end of the trail, networking by trail builders, trail users, local officials, and trail supporters.

The students helped to symbolically "link" this new trail segment to previously developed trail segments **AND** "link" the past to the future by re-purposing the former railroad corridor for a new use and community asset.

CAMPUS LINK TRAIL/PHASE 1

In our fast-paced world, not all good things/projects happen quickly. The CAMPUS LINK TRAIL is one of those projects. Gratefully, it is in the final stage of construction as the result of an INDOT Transportation Enhancement Grant awarded to the City of Greencastle in 2003, negotiated property agreements by the City Attorney, along with collaborative planning, partnerships, and persistence, plus an extra dose of patience!

In 2018, it has been exciting to observe progression of construction by INDOT/Calumet Civil Contractors as they implemented Civil Engineering Consultant's beautiful, uniquely designed Campus Link Trail.

**CAMPUS LINK TRAIL
"linked" to
BIG WALNUT SPORTS PARK LINK TRAIL
at
Veterans Memorial Highway/State Road Highway 240**



The almost one-mile CAMPUS LINK TRAIL/PHASE 1 is a "key connector" to previously developed trail segments allowing access to schools, retail areas, industries, and the sports park. It is also our community's "heart" of the growing National Road Heritage Trail initiative to connect communities across Indiana.

Again, this year, our community's multi-use trail was enjoyed by individuals, families, and provided a venue for special events:

CHRISTY CREW



WALKERS & SNIFFERS



BOY SCOUT TROOP #99 COMMUNITY SERVICE



SOUTH PUTNAM CROSS-COUNTRY KIDS WORKOUT



PUTNAM COUNTY HOSPITAL "Be Well 5K" EVENT



TZOUANAKIS "Walk & Bike to School" DAY



DNR "Bike with a Biologist"



NRHT "Rides People Pathways"



In closing, we thank you for your interest and your contribution of time, talent, tools, equipment, materials, and \$\$\$\$. In 2018, with your support and the addition of two new “links”, our community now has 15.5-miles of multi-use trails on the ground! We are pleased that People Pathways is one component of our community’s quality-of-life, sustainability effort, and a venue for revealing the unique beauty of Putnam County.

Just one more final “cheer”, if you enjoy People Pathways, our community’s “linear park”, and agree that it enhances our community’s quality-of-life, will you please consider making a donation to People Pathways this year?

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 459 Ridgeland Road, Greencastle, IN 46135. Thank you for your consideration.

With appreciation,
People Pathways
Committee 😊

FOOTNOTE: We are pleased to announce that 2019 will see a new People Pathways Relay Team. We look forward to “passing the baton” to a new Team that shares the Pathways vision who will bring enthusiasm and new ideas to preserve and improve our community’s multi-use trail system. Roles in life change, just as the roles of parents & grandparents do, so now it’s time for us to assume the role of “encouraging supporters” & “historians” for a new generation of Pathways people.

People Pathways has been one of our life’s most rewarding journeys. Over the past 23 years, it has been an absolute “love affair” with our community. It has deepened our appreciation and admiration of the good people with whom we’ve shared this journey and our special community that we call “Home”. We have “enjoyed the ride”!

With love & appreciation,
Bill & Joy



People Pathways is grateful for our partners who contributed to the
development of
the

PUTNAM NATURE TRAIL

PARTNERS

FUNDING PARTNERS

Putnam County Community Foundation
Putnam County Convention Visitors Bureau
Duke Energy Foundation
Crown Equipment Corporation
Walmart Transportation VAP

DONATING PARTNERS

Clearing: Buzzi Unicem/Lone Star
Trailhead Design: Civil Engineering Consultants
Shelter: Larry Hutson, Darryl Starr, Re/Max Cornerstone, Farmers Insurance
Seeding: Bill Fielding/Quail Forever
Benches: Just R Time Construction
Mural: Greencastle Civic League/Sarah Chizum
Shared Parking/Trail Connection Easement: DNR Fish & Wildlife

CONSTRUCTION PARTNERS

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Hassler Trucking Services
Martin Marietta
Silverwood Signs
Headley Hardware
Putnamville Correctional Facility
Black Lumber Company
Green Street Maintenance

VOLUNTEER PARTNERS

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Bryan Archer
Danny Smiley
Bill Marley