

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT MEETINGS SUMMARY Round 1: May-July 2023

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MONON SOUTH TRAIL PUBLIC KICK-OFF MEETINGS

The Monon South project and the awarding of the IDNR funding for the project has garnered a significant amount of public attention. As the project moved into the preliminary design phases, a two-pronged approach was developed to both provide an update to the public on the status of the project, and to provide a community-level series of workshops to discuss local connections to the corridor.

To address the public updates, the design team hosted two introductory public meetings---one in the northwestern portion of the project area in Orleans, and one in the southeastern portion of the project area in Salem---to introduce the project and provide general project information to the public. The purpose of these preliminary meetings was to provide an update on the project and to provide general project information (scope, design process, schedule, opportunities to engage at the local level, etc.) to the broader public. It also provided the first opportunity for the public to provide some preliminary thoughts and comments on the project since the earlier visioning phase.

The two public kick-off meetings were held:

- May 24, 2023- Orleans Jr-Sr High School, 200 W Wilson St, Orleans, IN
- June 1, 2023- June 29, 2023- The Depot, 206 S College Ave, Salem, IN

In both of these meetings, Jeff Quyle of Radius Indiana gave an overview of the project, brief history of Radius' involvement with the project including the development of the visioning document, Next Level Trails funding and award, and the Governor's event. He framed the public meetings as a celebration of receiving the funding and an opportunity to share where we go next with the public.

Ryan Hughes, Program Manager for Clark Dietz, then gave an overview of the specific design project to move the trail from visioning to design. He provided a status update on the railroad removal, the survey, and the environmental work that had started on the project. He also presented a schedule and general process overview for the project.



Ron Taylor, Taylor Siefker Williams Design Group, then gave an overview of the public engagement process that will be utilized for the design work on the project. He explained how the team would be revisiting how and why the vision document was developed with the local communities and how we use that as a springboard for the development of design standards. He explained that the purpose of the public engagement process was to:

- To assist in the development of design and character standards for the facility;
- To determine local connection and access goals for the communities; and
- To identify local amenities.

He finished by explaining the how community workshops were going to be used to advance the planning and design of the project and reviewed the different online ways people could get engaged.

The remaining time in the meeting was set up as an open house providing folks with an opportunity to review basic project information and talk with design team staff. Exhibits included:

- Overall Project Board with general project information.
- Project Timeline/Schedule.
- Board(s) from the Visioning Plan illustrating the issues and conditions that were used to submit for the funding.
- Exercise/input boards- boards that will deal with the larger corridor as a whole or other project-wide issues, meant to gather some preliminary thoughts from public that may not have participated in the previous study.

Residents were invited to submit comments or to mark-up the corridor maps. A summary of the feedback forms received at the two public kick-off meetings follow.

PUBLIC MEETING 1 ATTENDEE FEEDBACK: Orleans, IN

General feedback cards were provided to attendees. Comments received from participants at the Monon South Public Kick-Off meeting held on May 23, 2023 in Orleans, IN included:

 I am so excited for this multi-purpose trail. I look forward to using the trail for hiking, biking, kayaking, and walking with my friends, families, and neighbors. -Sandy Kendall



- I thought this was a meeting for public opinion. It has already been decided. I believe Spring Mill fulfills most of these needs and this is a ridiculous way to spend taxpayer money. If this ran through your backyard, you wouldn't want it. How many people are really going to utilize it?? -Michelle Porter
- Invasive species are a huge economic detriment to Indiana's economy. As we work with this wonderful economic development project, please ensure invasive control and native plantings are at the forefront. So many projects are full of them along the corridor. Thank you. Carla Striege
- So excited! Happy how quickly it is coming along. A trailhead in Orleans will be great. What will be allowed on the trail? E-bikes? Want pet stations as well (waste, maybe water). Pavement is preferred for surface! Heather Ross
- Share the road bicycle signs; asphalt, asphalt, asphalt.... need desperately – Local resident.
- Safety lights, yellow markings, crosswalks, bicycle repair stations, mile markers needed. – Rick Cummings
- Can we post PDFs of the Vision Boards on the website? Would like to see water stations at Orleans Trailhead. – Tammy Dwyer
- 60-Bridge to go over Hwy 60 separate trail from highway. How to keep ATVs off trail? Trailers/parking for horses? Horse manure on trail who cleans? Northeast township Community Center at Leipsic connection. I am working on planning for signage, vending, bike rest areas, air pump etc. grant for there. Tara Jenkins
- Need restroom facilities along the trail; Need repair/air hose for bicycles; mile markers along trail, benches at trailheads. Try sponsorships for trail "sections" clean-up like the "adopt a highway" program. – Barbara Shelton-Cummings
- It would be great if majority was paved if possible. Amenities like benches, dog stations (water). I'm excited to bike and walk, husband will run! Mandy Bartley
- Great project Local resident
- Tried to enter volunteer information on the Southern Indiana
 Trailways website but would not accept my .NET email account. So
 I just wrote a comment. Great project! John Bassett,
- What you are doing is great! Sandralyn Kelly,
- It will be so nice to have a trail close to home that I can walk or bike ride on. Shirley Wagner
- Need Vision Boards in PDF format emailed to me on website/Face book page – Tammy Dwyer
- Tonight's meeting was highly informational, yet efficient. Wow! The boards are fantastic. Can a PDF of the boards be put on the Facebook page? – Heather Naugle



PUBLIC MEETING 2 ATTENDEE FEEDBACK: Salem, IN

General feedback cards were provided to attendees. Comments received from participants at the Monon South Public Kick-Off meeting held on June 1, 2023 in Salem, IN included:

- Re: landscaping: wind barriers of native bushes/trees, perennials

 use the landscape design as part of the overall design treatment.
 Dan Kiley influenced landscape architectural design style. Ann
 Wilder
- Would like a meeting with design team to review properties at 2748 E. Trueblood Road Salem, IN. – Sarah & Gary Robbins –
- As an adjacent property owner, I am concerned about separation (ie a fence) between my property and the trail. Property location 117 Stadish St. Salem, IN 47167. – Tim Campbell,
- Would be nice to have a connection to Clark State Forest horse trails to Borden, Pekin & Salem. – Debbie Maschmeyer
- How will private property along the trail be secured from use by users of the trail? What are the rules concerning hunting in fields next to trail? – Steve Brewer
- As Clerk-Treasurer for the Town of Borden, we would like to see Borden as the Regional Trailhead. We are in talks to develop an event center at the park and feel being a trailhead would enhance our park even more. Thank you for the vision and brining this to production. – Mindi Holmes
- Safety at crossings signage? Will you purchase property from land owners, if so when? How do you plan to protect land beside the trail? Will there be fences built? What about trespassers onto private property? What about wildlife and their trails/crossings? – Sarah Robbins
- Very informative meeting. I live near the north end of the Floyd County segment, and have seen nothing from New Albany.
 I think the trail would attract more out-of-area bicyclists if paved over the full length of the corridor. – Mark Ginn
- When rules are made, allow pedal assist bikes on trails. Mike Quinton
- Excited to see this develop! Sandi Woodward
- Backpacker shelters (& bicycle camping) and/or grass tent areas along the trail desired. Keeping the trail non-motorized except for wheelchairs and e-bikes. Thank you! Looking forward to volunteering. Dusty Lynn Baker



- l am supportive of the trail and excited for the development. My land also borders the trail on Hwy 60 and Smedley Road. Our home is in close proximity to the trail. How can I get more information on how much land will be used? We have barrier trees and shrubs that create a visible and sound barrier from the highway and our home. I would like for this barrier to be undisturbed. We have been contacted by multiple attorneys about joining a lawsuit. We are not interested in litigation, but would like to know how our land and property may be impacted. Thank you. Stacey Nance,
- I have concerns about loss of privacy, unauthorized motorized vehicle use. I'm currently experiencing flooding and erosion from the drainage system being clogged and feel that 2+ years to wait for a solution is too long. Also, I have experienced a lot of trespassing and parking/blockage of my driveway by people wanting to access the creek, which is about 1-mile west of my property. – Art Coates
- Would really love to connect on historic property owner contributions. Would you send "propaganda" so I can share with the Girl Scouts of Kentuckiana (I'm a board member). – Lisa Thompson

Maps and comment stations were also provided during each of the public kick-off meeting sessions. The collective feedback received from the two kick-off sessions on those boards are included on the following pages.

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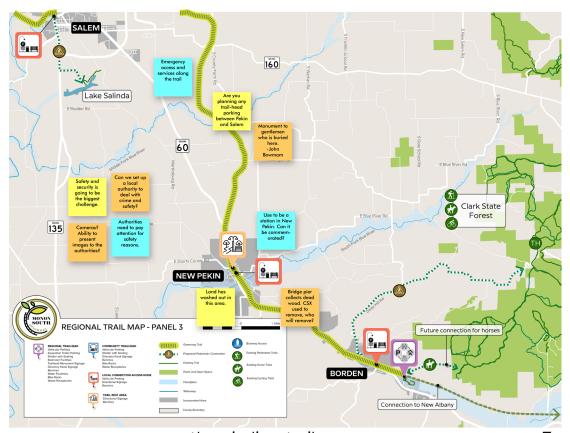
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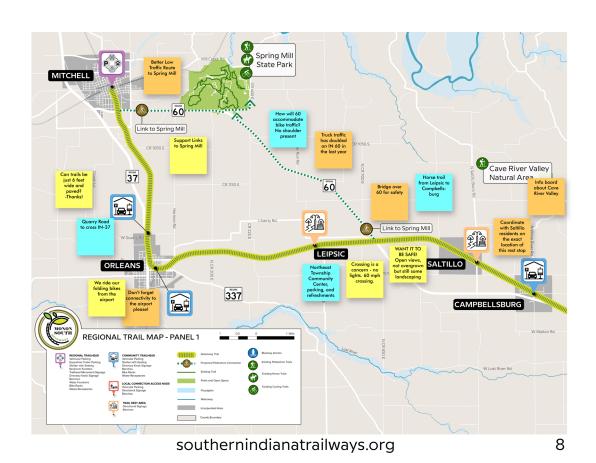














MONON SOUTH COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

Following the two public kick-off meetings in Orleans and Salem, the design team facilitated the first round of community workshops in the four urbanized communities along the corridor. The purpose of the workshops was to discuss how each community connects to the trail, community desires for access and/or trailhead amenities, and a discussion on the preliminary design standards for the project.

The design team facilitated four (4) community workshops---one in each urbanized community (Mitchell, Orleans, Salem, Borden/New Pekin). These workshops were held:

- June 21, 2023- Orleans Jr-Sr High School, 200 W Wilson St, Orleans, IN
- June 22, 2023-101 E Main St., Borden, IN
- June 28, 2023- Monon on Main, 515 W Main St., Mitchell, IN
- June 29, 2023- The Depot, 206 S College Ave, Salem, IN

Each workshop lasted approximately 3-4 hours.

Ron Taylor gave a brief overview of the meeting goals and what the design team hoped to achieve with this first round of working sessions. He also noted that there will be future community working sessions held throughout the design process.

Workshops were divided into three 30- minute focused working sessions.

Session 1 was titled **Community Stories** and focused on community-wide issues, crossing, unique attributes, community highlights, and other community elements that were important in telling the story of the community and understanding its needs. Ryan Hughes facilitated the discussion with local residents.

Session 2 was titled **Trailhead & Design Standards** and focused specifically on trailhead locations and design issues for each community. This session included discussion about the trailhead amenities and how the community would like to use these specific access points. Ron Taylor, Taylor Siefker Williams Design Group, facilitated this discussion.

Session 3 was titled **Activating the Trail** and was facilitated by Andrea Irland of the National Park Service and Ryan Hughes of Clark Dietz. This session provided an opportunity for residents to discuss ways in which they could participate in the usage, governance, maintenance, and other aspect of the trail once it is constructed. This session is the pre-cursor of later community meetings to be held by Andrea throughout the design process.

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At the conclusion of the three working sessions, the design team provide a recap of what had been discussed, highlighting the most raised issues during the meetings.

The design team than facilitated a walking tour of portions of the rail corridor or trailhead sites in each community.

Overview of Comments from the Community Working Sessions: The specific input is summarized and included on the following pages for each of the four community work sessions. Sign-in sheets for each of the local workshop sessions is also included following the individual summaries for attendee reference.



MEETING SUMMARY: Orleans Workshop



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Date: June 21, 2023

Re: Orleans Indiana Community Meeting

In Attendance:

- Randy Clark, Town of Orleans
- Daniel Houchin, Town of Orleans
- Rachel Chastain
- Vicki Ralston
- Carol Steward
- Susie Schmidt
- Renee Lutthicum
- Bonny Craig
- Kristal Painter, OCEDD
- Brandy Ream, VFLWB
- Cory Daly, USI
- Brian Fleck, USI
- Andrea Irland, NPS
- Ryan Hughes, Clark Dietz
- Drew Storey, Clark Dietz
- Ron Taylor, Taylor Siefker Williams Design Group
- Brett Willaman, Taylor Siefker Williams Design Group

ORLEANS TOPIC ONE: COMMUNITY STORIES

- 1) Downtown square, restrooms
- 2) Farmers Market
- 3) Saturday at the square
 - a. Ball games
- 4) Speak easy beer garden
- 5) Dogwood, Fall, Christmas festivals, summer concerts, car show
- 6) The Square
- 7) Jefferson street connection to the square

Connections

- 1) Schools
- 2) Stetson/Roosevelt connection between Elementary school and the Monon Trail
- 3) Access to square is really important
- 4) Essex building
 - a. Tenants can produce traffic along the trail
 - b. Signs?
- 5) Concrete plant
 - a. Traffic producing
- 6) REMC/Econ. Dev. Site potential redevelopment plot -advertised property



- 7) Small town living
- 8) Historic points
 - a. School on the Square
 - b. Leipsic
 - c. Stetson house

How to make the trail feel safe?

- 1) Pave the trail
- 2) Lighting
 - a. Motion activated?
- 3) Signage
 - a. Distances to towns
- 4) Maps with amenities
- 5) Trail conditions
- 6) Tool/fix it stations
- 7) Gateways
- 8) Signage with QR code -where are faculties and what is going on in the community
- 9) Call Service?
 - a. Emergency call boxes/panic buttons for rural areas
- 10) Open WIFI downtown
- 11) Police Patrol
 - a. Within the town limits
- 12) Pull in bike and pedestrian plan routes

ORLEANS TOPIC TWO: TRAILHEAD AND DESIGN STANDARDS

Design Standards

- 1) Restrooms one block away @ CoC
- 2) Depot TH Connection to the trail
- 3) "Welcome" opportunity at the north end of town (gateway)
 - a. Loop trail (see B/P plan)
 - b. Town Sign
 - c. Photo Opportunity
- 4) Town lake and campground
 - a. Leipsic
 - b. Shelter (halfway)

Trailhead

- 1) Maps, mileage
 - a. Trail map, map of Orleans with points of interest
- 2) Fix-it
- 3) Wayfinding to trail and Town square
- 4) Water station
- 5) Vending machines





7) Where can campers park?

a. Consideration of large vehicles

- 8) Bike racks
- 9) Dog waste stations
- 10) Charging stations
 - a. E-bikes
 - b. Phones
 - c. Cars

Priorities

- 1) Parking
- 2) Water
- 3) Signage
- 4) Where to seek shelter signs
- 5) Momentum towards square
 - a. Invite people to town
- 6) Lighting (depending on existing)
- 7) Fix it bike stations
- 8) Trash cans

ORLEANS TOPIC THREE: ACTIVATING THE TRAIL

- 1) Physical/mental health
 - a. Health score increase
- 2) Bringing in visitors
- 3) Purdue extension office
 - a. Health educator/family connection
- 4) Community pride
- 5) Regional connectivity
 - a. Cutter's bike Bedford
- 6) Economic destination
 - a. Marathons, resorts, hotels
- 7) Bike rental/repair hub
- 8) Ambassador homes
 - a. Homes close to the trail supporting the trail
- 9) Pop-Up events along the trail
 - a. Bike-fix, food trucks, safety events
- 10) Major events/holidays for trails
 - a. Rails to Trail Day, Bike to Work Day
- 11) Bike safety course
- 12) Hiking/Biking/Walking
- 13) Community service opportunities
- 14) Invasive species
- 15) Competitive training
- 16) Silver sneakers citizens
 - a. Senior walking club
- 17) Education opportunities
 - Writing, solar, and nature southernindianatrailways.org

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Community Champions

- 1) Major stakeholder support- Community champions
 - a. Thrive Orange County
- 2) Walk/bike clubs
- 3) School athletics use
- 4) First Chance Center
- 5) Boy/Girl activities and clubs

Concerns

- 1) Maintenance
 - a. Fallen trees, overgrowing vegetation
- 2) Pets/Animals
 - a. Waste stations
- 3) Safety
- 4) Liability
 - a. Will not fall on the town
 - b. Events disclaimer

ORLEANS TOPIC FOUR: KEY TAKEAWAYS

- 1) The Square is critical
- 2) Historical points of interest
- 3) Way-finding to the town and square (mapping)
- 4) Trailhead amenity priorities
- 5) Town connections to trail
 - a. People
 - b. Organizations
 - c. Events
- 6) Dogwoods in Orleans
- 7) Messaging/Website presence
 - a. QR codes for info

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MEETING SUMMARY: Borden Workshop

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Date: June 22, 2023

Re: Borden Indiana Community Meeting

In Attendance:

- Kathy Weatherford, Town of Borden
- Minde Holmes, Town of Borden
- Robert Shaw, Town of Borden Parks and Police
- Brian Meyer, Town of Borden Police
- Jeff Thomas, Town of New Pekin
- Terry Wingher, FOBC
- Sarah Carney, Friends of the Ohio River Greenway
- Chelsea Crump, Friends of the Ohio River Greenway
- Denise Greer, Friends of the Ohio River Greenway
- Chzis Crews, Friends of the Ohio River Greenway
- Cary Stemle, Friends of the Ohio River Greenway
- Monica Crews, Friends of the Ohio River Greenway
- Kristal Painter, OCEDD
- Neil Elkins, OCRA
- Renie Coffman, Sec. Borden Park Board & Wood Township Trustee
- Jack Coffman, City Commissioner and South Monon Trail Board
- Paul Asplund
- Tammie Broxon
- Jim Broxon
- Teresa Butherford
- Claire Farabee
- Pat Kelly
- Randy Koeher
- Brenna LaDuke
- Marvin Overstreet
- Gary Purlee
- Bruce Schmucker
- Rhonda Smoak
- Steve Whetzel
- Les Wright
- Andrea Irland, NPS
- Ryan Hughes, Clark Dietz
- Ron Taylor, Taylor Siefker Williams Design Group

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BORDEN TOPIC ONE: COMMUNITY STORIES

- 1) Deam Lake
- 2) Borden Park
- 3) Borden Museum
- 4) Covered bridge GC
- 5) Pekin access to 60 highlight town
- 6) Local businesses
- 7) Camping by bike packers?
- 8) History of Borden Institute
- 9) Strawberry capital of the world
 - a. Wood pallets
 - b. Strawberry festival April Borden Park
- 10) Borden berries B-Ball team
- 11) Overlooks
 - a. Access to starlight
- 12) Pekin
 - a. Oldest festival located in the park
- 13) Preservation of First Christian Church
- 14) A need for Air BnB's along the trail route
- 15) A rich history of small-town basketball teams

Infrastructure

- 1) Borden Community Park
- 2) School Children walking
- 3) Star valley way
- 4) Deam lake Campground
- 5) Parking
 - a. School
 - b. Museum
 - c. Beer and ice cream
 - d. Bicycle parking (functional)
 - e. Parking lot at town hall
- 6) Signage
 - a. Interpretive and wayfinding
- 7) Trees
 - a. Tree lined trail providing shade
- 8) Legend of Silver Valley
 - a. Bears
- 9) Morgan's Raiders history
 - . Borden was taken over, caught in Pekin
- 10) Rich history along the corridor
- 11) Adventure cycling underground railroad tour

Improvement areas

- 1) Landfill
 - a. Roy Jackson Road
 - b. Wetlands on all sides

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- Copperheads and Blue Racers in wetlands (warning signs)
- 2) Crossing 5 points
- 3) School intersection
- 4) Restrooms
- 5) Utility access along trail
- 6) Water stations

BORDEN TOPIC TWO: TRAILHEAD AND DESIGN STANDARDS

- 1) Regional trail hub
 - a. Trailhead
 - b. Event center
- 2) Film space/visitors center
 - a. Public safety outpost
 - b. Restrooms
 - c. Water station
 - d. Fix it station
 - e. Concessions
 - f. Retail outlet
 - g. Showers?
 - h. Shelter/cover
 - i. Charging stations
 - j. WIFI hot spots (OCRA)
 - k. Lighting
- 3) Parking
 - a. Both trail and events
 - b. Cars/trucks/motorcycles/RV's/Bus/Trailers
 - c. Paver program
- 4) Philanthropy
 - a. Signage
 - b. Welcome to Borden
 - c. Dir. From 60
- 5) Pop up shop opportunities
- 6) Borden Promenade is possible
- 7) Dog waste stations
- 8) Property in front of town hall in Pekin
- 9) RR in Pekin?
- 10) There needs to be signage to convenience stores
- 11) Katy Trail town info signs
- 12) "Interstate" like signs (last facilities...)
- 13) QR code to town/trail info
- 14) First aid/AED
- 15) Emergency stations
- Main Street program possibility

BORDEN TOPIC THREE: ACTIVATING THE TRAIL

1) Strawberry festival

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- 2) 5k races
- 3) Run/walk events/challenges
- 4) Employee incentive/health program
- 5) 6) Scavenger hunts
- Walking groups
- 7) Moms and strollers
- 8) School activities/education
- 9) Accessibility

Trail Support

- 1) Volunteers for cleanup and maintenance
- 2) Adopt a trail
- 3) Friends of the trail group
- 4) Student groups/service hours
- 5) Pekin betterment group

Other Stakeholders

- Town councils 1)
- 2) Schools
- 3) Wildlife organizations
- 4) EMS/Public safety
- 5) Neighbors of the trail
- 6) Farmers
 - Bureau a.
 - FFA b.
 - 4H C.
- 7) Tourism
- 8) **INDOT**

Concerns

- 1) Safety
- 2) Emergency access
- 3) Internet connectivity
- 4) Speed of bikes/E-bikes
- 5) Dogs (unleashed)
- 6) Motorized vehicles
- 7) Unpermitted camping

Benefits

- 1) Exercising/health
- 2) Mental health
- 3) Safety of school walkers
- 4) Pedestrian safety
- 5) Bike safety
- 6) Education
- 7) Retention



- Promote the schools
- 9) Community pride
- 10) Growth of community/relationships
- 11) Tourism
- 12) Bedroom community growth
- 13) Less vehicle usage

BORDEN TOPIC FOUR: KEY TAKEAWAYS

- 1) Connections to park, history, and schools
- 2) Trailheads
 - Regional trailhead in Borden a.
 - Parking access points
 - Signage/way finding
 - Borden Promenade
 - Downtown Pekin stop
- 3) Programming
 - Engagement and community champions a.
 - Incorporating existing events and programs
 - Stay tuned and keep thinking





MEETING SUMMARY: Mitchell Workshop

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Date: June 28, 2023

Re: Mitchell Indiana Community Meeting

In Attendance:

- George James, Mitchell City Council
- Vicky Schlegel, Mitchell City Council
- Toya Lamm, Mitchell Chamber
- Kaydy Fults, Lawrence County Tourism
- Tonya Chastain, Lawrence County Tourism
- Kristol Painter, OCEDD
- Kyle Hannon, My Path
- Shauntina Hickey, Mitchell Walking Club
- Laura Renwick, Indiana Landmarks
- Annie Eakin, Purdue Extension
- Trohn Enright-Randolph, Monroe County Surveyor
- Allen Burris
- Kedra Burris
- Tammy Dwye
- Anthony Ezrl
- JJ Goldsberry
- Shannon Logu
- Renee Luthuwm
- Mitch Reed
- Whitney Reed
- Adam Thoms
- David Watson
- Jeff Quyle, Radius Indiana
- Ryan Hughes, Clark Dietz
- Drew Storey, Clark Dietz
- Ron Taylor, Taylor Siefker Williams Design Group
- Brett Willaman, Taylor Siefker Williams Design Group

MITCHELL TOPIC ONE: COMMUNITY STORIES

- 1) Spring Mill State Park
- 2) Astronauts
 - a. Gus Grissom
 - b. Tell his story along the trail
 - c. Boyhood home 2 blocks from the trail

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- 3) Opera House
- 4) Railroad Café
- 5) Great Historic Downtown
- 6) Antique Shops
- 7) 1860
 - a. Whiskey Row

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- b. 14 saloons and lots of churches
- c. Arlington, Biggs, Grand Hotel, Lincoln House, Putnam Hotel
- d. Population only 600
- 8) Crossing of two rail lines
- 9) Railroads to Rockets Rockets to Railroads
- 10) Way finding, Maps, where to spend money
- 11) Connection to the Bluejacket Trail
- 12) Industrial Uses
 - a. Concrete Industry
 - b. Bus Industry
- 13) Rich School History
 - a. Terry Cole -NFL, Super Bowl #14
 - Chase Briscoe NASCAR racing
- 14) Railroads and Travel
- 15) Persimmon Festival
- 16) Outlaw Sam Bass
- 17) Woodville
 - a. Original Mitchell Plat
- 18) River Crossing at North end of the trail
 - a. Nice connection to Bedford possibly
 - b. Crane Connection
- 19) Monon Station
 - a. Use to be located at the South side of Main Street, East of 5th street

Why Stop Here?

- 1) Go to the bathroom
- 2) Rocket at City Hall
- 3) Memorial at Spring Mill S.P.
- 4) Tourism Office is on Main Street
- 5) Café, Ice Cream Shop (May be converted to a food truck)
- 6) Amish and Mennonite Population
 - a. Events, craft sales, wagon rides
- 7) Carnegie Library
- 8) 7 older churches
- 9) Museum Opportunity
 - a. Old Monon Depot could be museum, or other public use
- 10) Destination Trail
 - a. Hotel/Lodging
 - b. Camping
 - c. The longest Trail in Indiana

Trail Connections/Crossings

- 1) Spring Mill
- 2) Rocket Memorial
- 3) Neighborhoods/Apartments Connections
 - a. Lakeside Estates
 - b. Children Safety



- 4) Highway 60 crossing concerns
- 5) Steven's lane
 - a. Limited sight from vehicles
 - b. Vehicle speeding

MITCHELL TOPIC TWO: TRAILHEAD AND DESIGN STANDARDS

Trailheads

- 1) Main Street/5th Street is best location for trailhead
- 1) Opera House -1906
 - a. Barnstorming trips active
 - b. Way-finding signage
 - c. Historical learning opportunity along the trail
- 2) QR code scan (what's happening in Mitchell)
 - a. Community parks board established
- 3) Gateway signage (Welcome to Mitchell)
- 4) B + O Depot
- 5) Student participation in art along the trail
 - a. Schools are all in and ready to participate
- 6) Native plants and animals' way-finding/education
 - a. Trail long
 - b. Invasive species
 - c. Watersheds
 - d. Caves
- 7) General Om Mitchel
 - a. Founder of Mitchell, IN

Functional Items

- 1) Public restrooms
- 2) Bike racks
- 3) Bike repair stands
- 4) Trash cans/dog waste stations
- 5) Shelter
- 6) Panic Button
- 7) Splash Pad/Park
 - a. Kid friendly rockets
- 8) Parking
- 9) Vending machines (cheap option)
- 10) Lighting
- 11) Police Patrolled (security issues)
- 12) Nonprofit contributions
 - a. Community ownership/pride

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13) Past – Present – Future?



MITCHELL TOPIC THREE: ACTIVATING THE TRAIL

Benefits

- 1) Boost citizen pride
 - a. Come not just to ride, but also to live here
- 2) Attract families with high income jobs
- 3) Fight obesity healthy community
- 4) Revitalize Mitchell
- 5) Access to the trail = opportunity for health
 - a. Mental health
 - b. Connection between Spring Mill State Park and Mitchell
- 6) Getting to know other residents
 - a. Sense of ownership
 - b. Invested in the community
- 7) Use the trail for events

Events/Activities

- 1) Road race/organized rides between Orleans and Mitchell
- 2) School 5k
- 3) "Build it and they will come"
- 4) Persimmon Pedal
- 5) Positive activity fills the space so negative activities can't take root
- 6) Incentive for beautification
- 7) School athletics can use the trail to train
- 8) Outdoor classrooms

Organizations

- 1) Hoosier National Forrest
- 2) Utility Companies
- 3) IDNR, IU Health
- 4) Lawrence County Economic Growth Council
- 5) H. Materials Co.
- 6) Boy Scouts
- 7) VFW
- 8) American Legion
- 9) Tri Kappa
- 10) Churches
- 11) Women's groups
- 12) Mitchell walking group
- 13) Park board/city
- 14) School clubs
- 15) New clubs or organizations
- 16) Lawrence county women's cyclists
- 17) Hoosier Uplands
- 18) Lawrence County Tourism
- 19) Regional Organizations
- 20) City bringing back Main Street programs southernindianatrailways.org



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21) Bedford Hiking Club

Community Champions

- 1) Allison Piper
- 2) Teena Ligman
- 3) Chamber of commerce
- 4) Tourism
- 5) Hoosier Uplands
- 6) 4
- 7) County Commissioners
- 8) Living Well
- 9) Young People

Concerns

- 1) Unauthorized vehicles
- 2) Camping
- 3) Trash/waste
- 4) Mowing
- 5) Lighting
- 6) Safety
- 7) Emergency vehicle access
- 8) 30 foot right of way on each side
 - a. Who maintains it/can we use it?
- 9) Persimmon trees
 - a. Fruits are prohibited along the trail due to them being messy

MITCHELL TOPIC FOUR: KEY TAKEAWAYS

- 1) Mitchell Stories and People
 - a. Past-Present-Future
- 2) History
- 3) Lots of connection opportunities
- 4) Schools' engagement
- 5) Downtown trailhead
 - a. Depot reuse/Park
- 6) Lots of community
 - a. Organizations for support
- 7) Catalyst for improvement





MEETING SUMMARY: Salem Workshop

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Date: June 29, 2023

Re: Salem Indiana Community Meeting

In Attendance:

- 1) Dusty Balleer
- 2) Steve Brusicor
- 3) Sherri Brusicor
- 4) Phillip Colglazier
- 5) Jami Elliot
- 6) Dietz Froehlick
- 7) Lora Froehlick
- 8) Josh Medlock
- 9) Michelle Medlock
- 10) Cheryl Orummen
- 11) Bob Orummen
- 12) Charlie Troncin
- 13) Jeff Quyle, Radius Indiana
- 14) Ryan Hughes, Clark Dietz
- 15) Drew Storey, Clark Dietz
- 16) Ron Taylor, Taylor Siefker Williams Design Group

SALEM TOPIC ONE: COMMUNITY STORIES

- 1) John Hayes Center
- 2) Heritage Park
- 3) Racetrack
- 4) Town Square
- 5) Cemetery
 - a. Lots of history
 - b. Crown Hill
- 6) Murder walk
- 7) The best doughnuts in Indiana
 - a. H and R bakery
- 3) Old settlers' days
- 9) Lake Selinda
 - a. 4 miles of walking trails
- 10) Delaney Park
 - a. Part of knob stones
- 11) Grist Mill
 - a. Beck's Mill
- 12) 3 historic churches
- 13) Square
- 14) Pekin
 - a. Iron bridge, parade
- 15) Piper Museum
- 16) Morgan's Raiders



- a. Hell's half acre battlefield
- 17) 2% milk invented here
- 18) 6 women mural
- 19) 2 murals in the square
- 20) Prop to pedal
- 21) Rail signal pieces
 - . There is one near Saltillo
- 22) Highest point in the state
 - a. Harristown

Why stop in Salem?

- 1) Midpoint of the Monon south trail
- 2) Birthplace of railroad
- 3) International museum
- 4) Good places to eat
 - a. Rooftop dining on the square
- 5) Shopping on the square
- 6) Apothecary soda fountain
 - a. 150+ years
 - b. First female pharmacists
- 7) Lodging/hotels
- 8) FLAT
- 9) Outdoor events
- 10) Settlers' fest
 - a. 180 years
- 11) Octoberfest at the Mill
- 12) Connection to other trails
- 13) Hartsock community theater
- 14) Blue river and creeks
 - a. Not big enough to raft down
- 15) Large Amish community
- 16) Local farmers market

Connections/Crossings

- 1) Main Street is main traffic area
- 2) East Market
- 3) Depot Museum
- 4) Town Square
- 5) Hitchcock Road
 - a. Needs attention
 - o. Built in the 1850s
- 6) Farrabe point
 - a. Rest area
- 7) 6 crossings within the city limits
- 8) S. Main corridor under design
- a. The hump will be gone
- 9) Market Street
- 10) Elizabeth street



- a. Tie into the city park and the trail
- 11) Big dogleg
- 12) East side area between Cobblestone Inn
- 13) Access to Walmart
- 14) Kayak
 - a. Would be really nice to have but would be difficult
 - . There are depth and tree blocking issues
- 5) Road and trail separations on private roads
 - . Medlock road
- 16) Pocket Park
- 17) Victorian houses

SALEM TOPIC TWO: TRAILHEAD AND DESIGN STANDARDS

Regional trailhead desired in Salem. Potential locations include:

- 1) Gulch
 - a. Lots of land/space but limited services/access
- 2) Fairgrounds
 - a. Easier connection to the town/square
- 3) Cobblestone
 - a. Access to services
- 4) Rest stop at E. Market?
- 5) Large trailer and RV parking at Gulch or fairgrounds
- 6) Possible areas for designated camping

Amenities

- 1) Info kiosk
- 2) Fresh water
- 3) Info/trail maps
- 4) Security
- 5) Register book
- 6) Enforcement/patrol
- 7) E-bike/phone charging
- 8) Picnic tables
- 9) EV charging
- 10) Dog waste
- 11) Restrooms
- 12) Pavilion/shelter
- 13) Fix it station
- 14) Courthouse view
- 15) Lighting (solar?)
- 16) Connectivity
- 17) Emergency Call station
- 18) Tied together art theme (progressive)

Benefits

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- 2) Health/active lifestyle
- 3) Tourism money
- 4) Business growth
- 5) Community awareness
- 6) Connections to other communities
- 7) History of Monon
- 8) Relocation (move to Salem)
- 9) Quality of life
- 10) Family friendly
- 11) Accessible
- 12) Educational benefits

SALEM TOPIC THREE: ACTIVATING THE TRAIL

Events

- 1) 5k
- 2) History tours
- 3) Walks
 - a. Tulip walks
- 4) Passport program
- 5) Movie night
- 6) Ghost tours
 - a. Regional tourism website
- 7) Monon mini convention
- 8) Arts and crafts
 - a. Artisan fair
- 9) Yoga
- 10) School field trips
- 11) Farmers market
- 12) Nature walks
- 13) Floating candle releases
 - a. Rubber ducks
- 14) Coal yard
 - a. Learning area
- 15) May event that is race themed
- 16) Fairgrounds events
- 17) School club projects/events

Organizations

- 1) School clubs
- 2) Purdue ext.
- 3) Master gardeners
- 4) Arts council of Salem
- 5) Washington county tourism, theater
- 6) Awareness group
- 7) Human society
- 8) YMCA
- 9) Senior Century



- 10) I.U.S.
- 11) Soil and Water Conservation
- 12) Monon Historical Society
- 13) Facebook group exists
 - Strong base to tap into
- 14) Elected officials, council, park board, County Commissioners
- 15) Law enforcement
- 16) Adopt a Trail

Community Champions

- 1) Businesses
- 2) Danielle Walker
- 3) Main Street Organization

Concerns

- 1) Day to day operations
- 2) Motorized vehicles
- 3) Liability
- 4) Long term ROW maintenance
- 5) Homeless people along the trail
- 6) Pedestrian safety at all crossings
- 7) Bike regulations
- 8) Trespassing off ROW
 - a. Educational flyers for property owners
- 9) Mailboxes

SALEM TOPIC FOUR: KEY TAKEAWAYS

- 1) Connections to the city square and sites
- 2) Varied history
 - a. Lots of stories to tell
- 3) Important road crossings
- 4) Regional trailhead must be closer to the city center
- 5) Minor trailhead's locations
 - a. Main, Market, Cobblestone
- 6) Abundance of local organizations to activate the trail

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- a. Schools
- b. Diverse event opportunities

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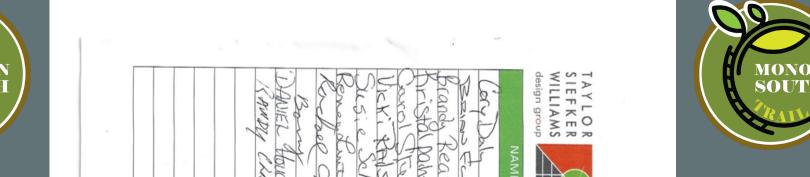
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