



# Monon South Trail

PUBLIC KICK-OFF MEETING #2

Salem, Indiana

June 1, 2023





# WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Jeff Quyle- President & CEO



## Monon South Trail...

- Radius has been working with the state to acquire the Monon rail line.
- In 2020 and 2021, Radius led the efforts with Clark Dietz and Taylor Siefker Williams Design Group to work through a visioning process for converting the former rail line to a rail-trail.
- Radius Indiana then used the Vision Book as part of its funding application for the trail.



## Monon South Trail...

- Acquisition of the rail line was completed.
- In January 2023, the project received \$29.5 million for the design and construction of the Monon South Trail project through **IDNR's Next Level Trails Program**.

## IndyStar.

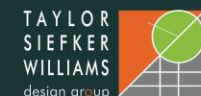
POLITICS

### Holcomb announces \$29.5M for 62-mile Monon South Trail in Southern Indiana

**Claire Rafford** and **Arika Herron** Indianapolis Star

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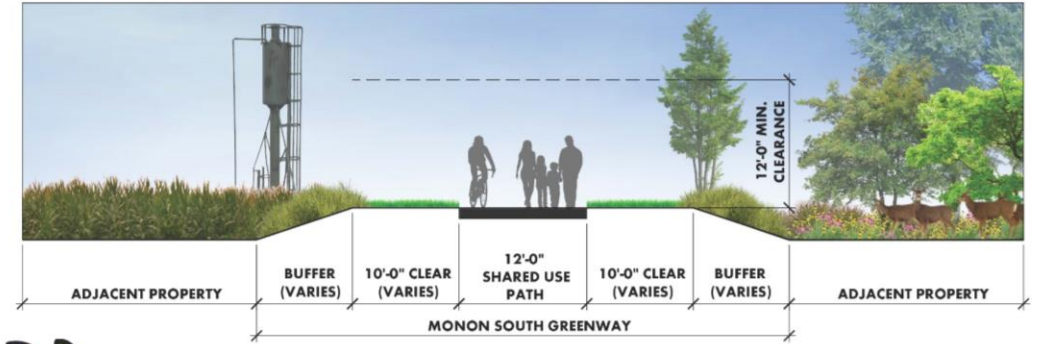
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May 5, 2023

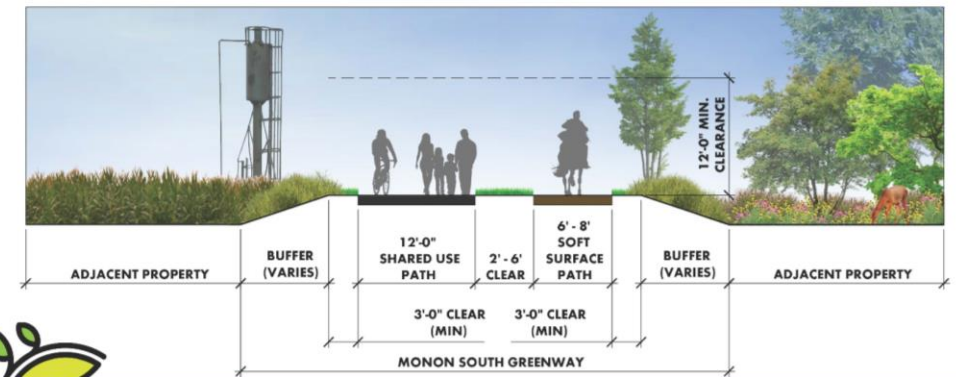


# Tonight...

- This is the first of many public engagement meetings to discuss the trail over the next couple of years.
- This is a chance to **celebrate** as a region.
- This is our chance to share with residents more about the **specific project** and **what comes next**.



**PROTOTYPICAL CROSS SECTION**  
Rural Trail

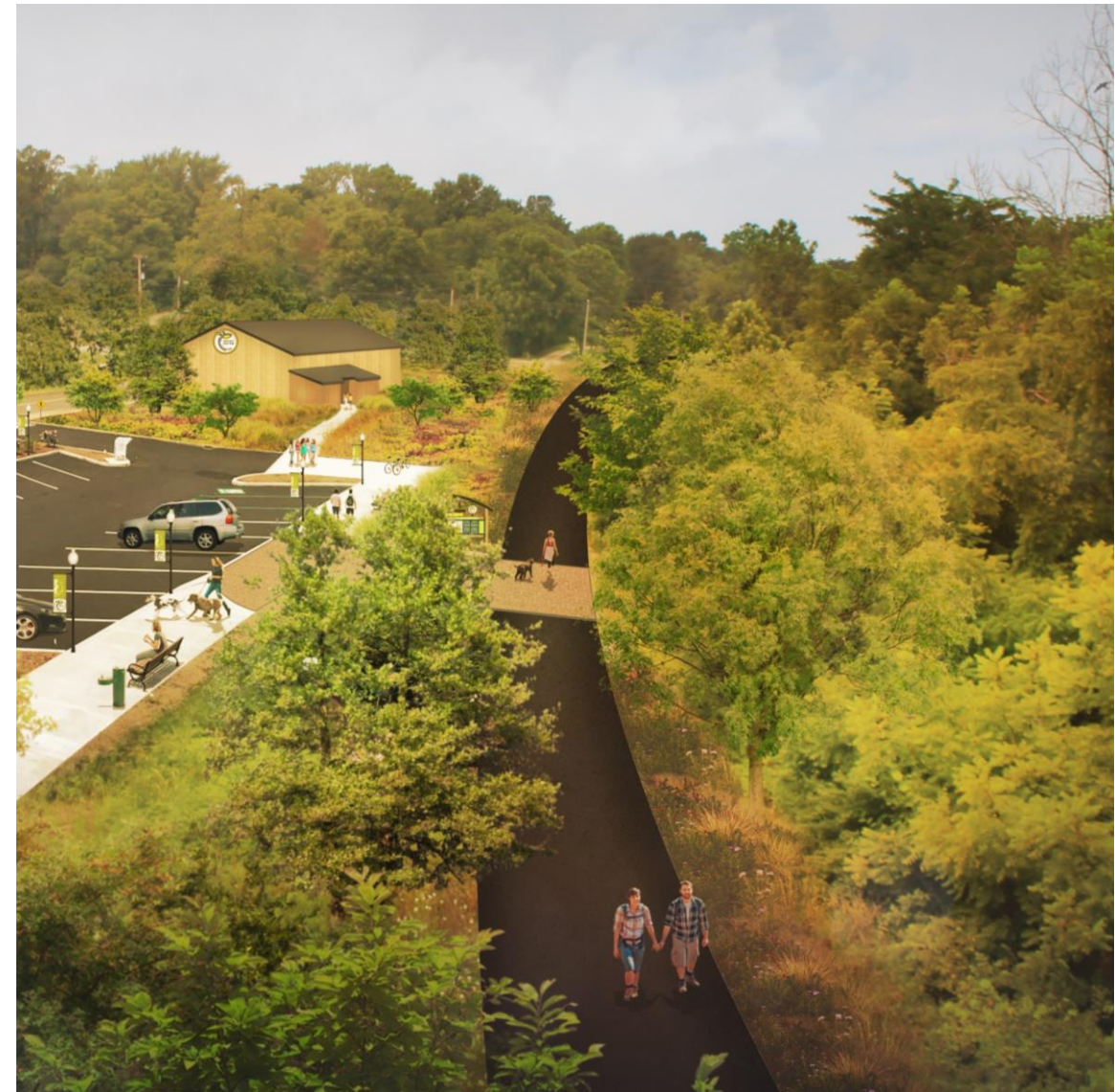


**PROTOTYPICAL CROSS SECTION**  
Rural Trail with Soft-Surface Equine Option



# Our Agenda...

- **Project Overview and Project Team Introductions-** Ryan Hughes, Program Manager
- **Public Outreach and Engagement-** Ron Taylor
- **Additional Project Resources and Engagement-** Andrea Irland
- **Open House Instructions-** Ron Taylor
- **Concluding Remarks-** Ryan Hughes
- **OPEN HOUSE DISCUSSIONS & EXHIBITS**



# PROJECT RESOURCES

## Agencies & Funding Support



## Supporting Organizations







# PROJECT TEAM & PROJECT OVERVIEW

Ryan Hughes, PE- Program Manager

ClarkDietz



# Project Team Introduction

# Clark>Dietz

Overall Program Manager, Engineering Lead and Project Management



Community Engagement, Trail Design Standards, Community Amenity Design



Engineering, Environmental, and Survey Partners



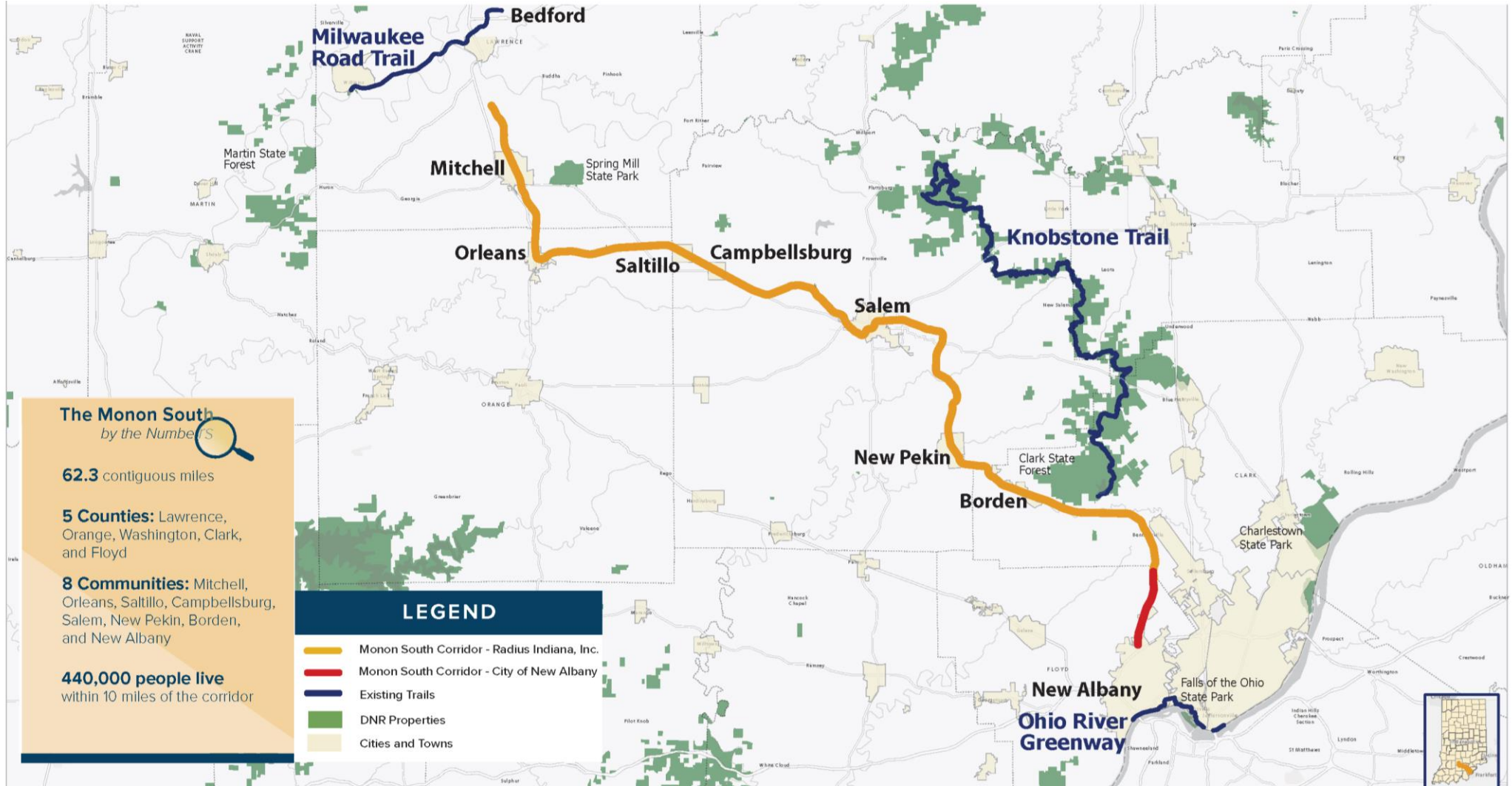
Communications



Additional Resource Development



# Project Overview



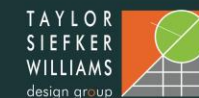
## Design Process...

- The Clark Dietz Team was selected for implementation of the entire corridor.
- Team was developed to allow multiple design teams to **simultaneously design** the different sections in order to meet funding and construction requirements.
- Strategy was developed to focus on urbanized sections first, and then design and construct rural sections next.



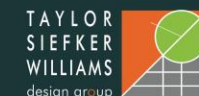
## Design Process...

- Our design process is divided into three phases:
  - Engineering Assessment.
  - Design of urbanized sections and critical crossings.
  - Design of rural sections.



## Engineering Assessment...

- Inventory the corridor and provide infrastructure assessment for former rail line, bridges.
- Allow for the removal of rail lines (with the intent of preserving significant architectural artifacts)
- Complete survey of corridor.
- Initiate the preliminary community engagement process to determine preliminary design standards.



# Overall Project Design Process and Timeline



\*Contingent on Future Funding



# What is happening right now?

- Acquisition of the rail line is complete.
- CSX contractor is currently removing the existing tracks and other infrastructure not designated to remain.
- Survey work for the entire corridor is underway and nearing completion.
- Initial public outreach and engagement is underway.







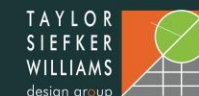
# PUBLIC OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT

Ron L. Taylor, FASLA



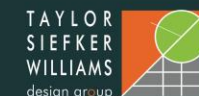
## Public Engagement Strategy...

- This is the first of many public engagement meetings to discuss the trail over the next couple of years.
- There will be a series of **Public Informational Meetings** for the entire corridor.
- There will also be ongoing **Community Workshops** in the four major urbanized areas.



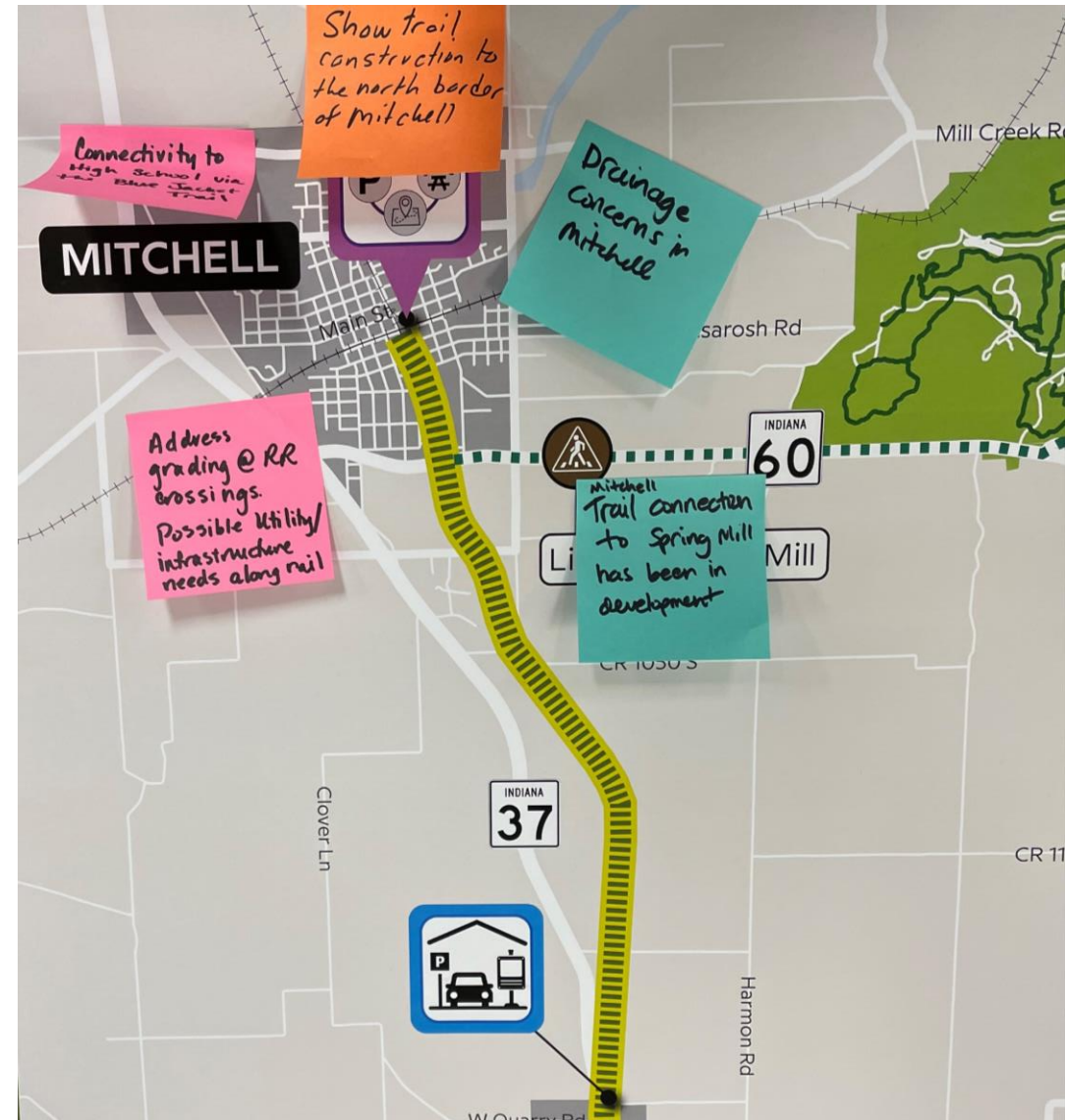
# Purpose of the Public Engagement Strategy...

- Assist in the development of the design standards for the overall trail corridor.
- Determine local connections and access goals for the individual communities.
- Identify local amenities and design considerations specific to the individual communities.



# Visioning Sketchbook...

- Completed in 2021 to establish a preliminary **long-term vision** for the Monon South Rail Line and how it would interface with local communities along its route.
- The intent is to use the ideas generated in the sketchbook to generate **design standards** and **preliminary design** for the trail.



# Visioning Sketchbook...

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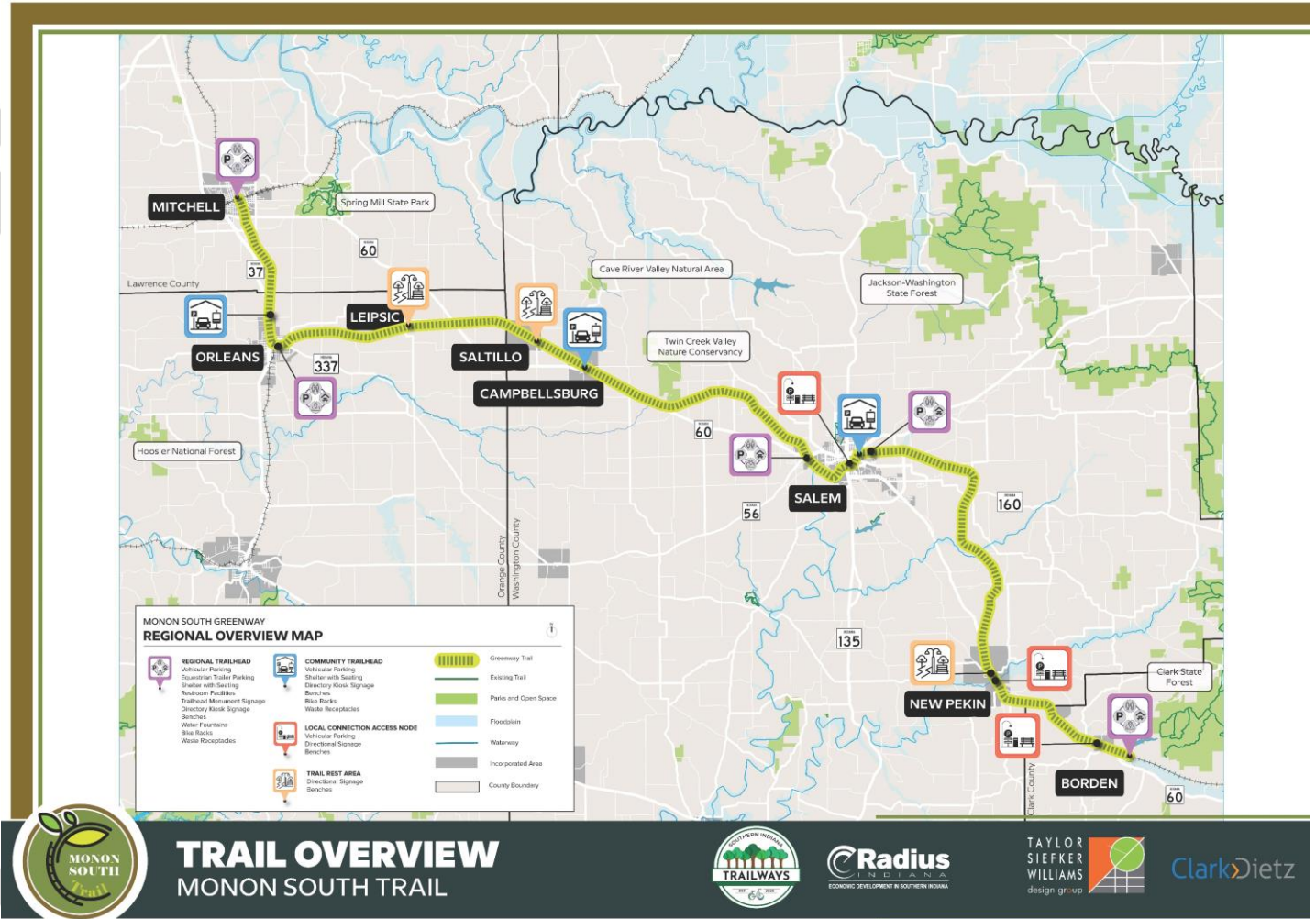
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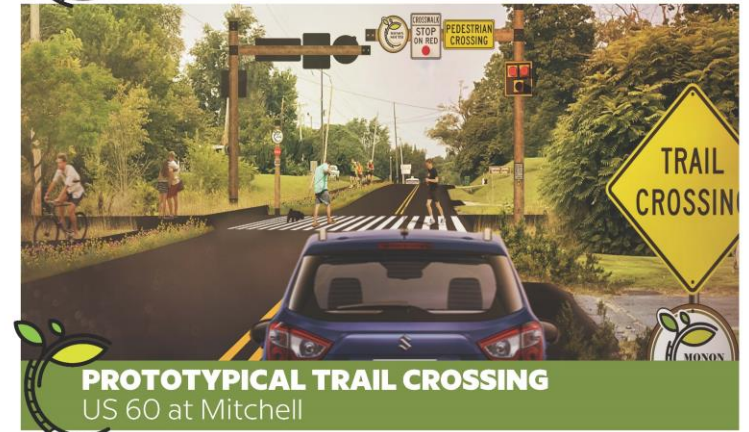
Monon South Greenway  
Mitchell Segment

### LEGEND - COMMUNITY MAP



## CONCEPT SITE PLAN

Mitchell Monon Landing



## PROTOTYPICAL TRAIL CROSSING

US 60 at Mitchell



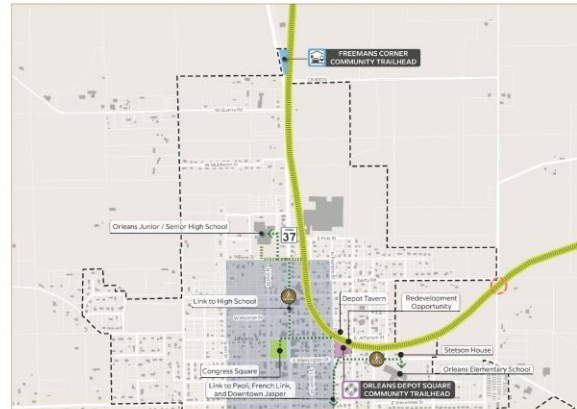
**MITCHELL, INDIANA**  
MONON SOUTH TRAIL



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**LOCATION MAP**  
Monon South Greenway  
Orleans Segment

LEGEND - COMMUNITY MAP	
	Regional Trailhead
	Community Trailhead
	Local/Neighborhood Access Node
	Trail Head Area
	City/Town Limits
	County Boundary
	Planning Unit
	Proposed Pedestrian Connection
	Proposed Trail Connection
	Existing Trail
	Park and Open Space
	Pond
	Waterway
	Public Transit
	Proposed/Existing Building
	Shade Tree
	Existing Pedestrian Path
	Bike Lane
	Bike Parking



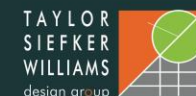
**PROTOTYPICAL SKETCH**  
Freemans Corner Trailhead



**CONCEPT SITE PLAN**  
Orleans Depot Square



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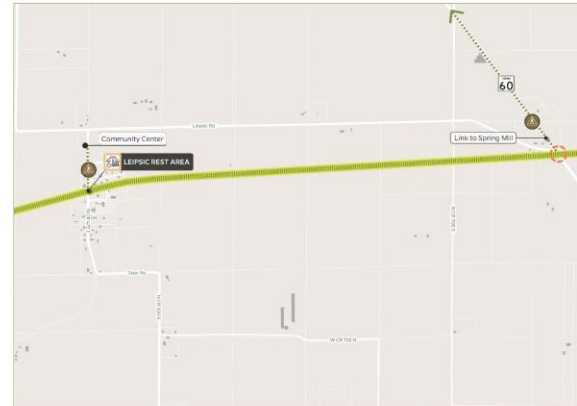




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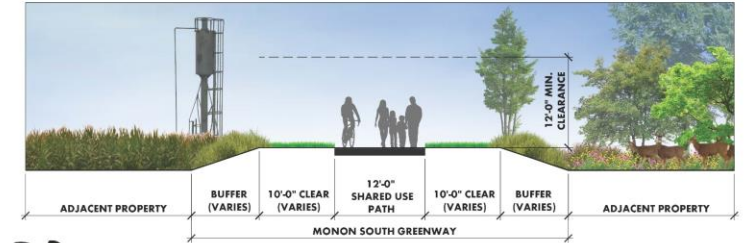
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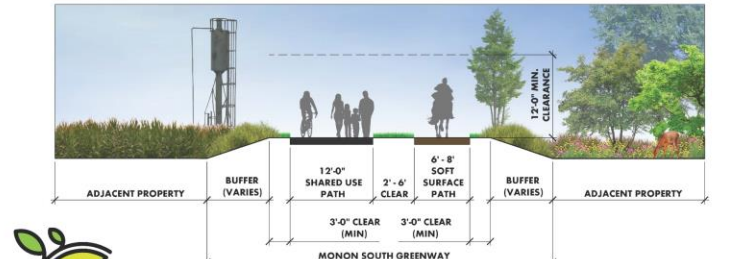
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Monon South Greenway  
Leispic Segment

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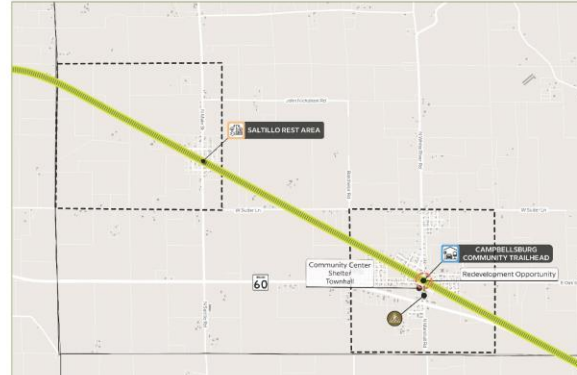
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**LOCATION MAP**  
Monon South Greenway  
Saltillo and  
Campbellsburg  
Segment

**LEGEND - COMMUNITY MAP**

Regional Trailhead	City/Town Limits	Water
Community Trailhead	County Boundary	Water & Sewer
Local/Community Access Point	Planning Unit	Proposed Improvement
Trail Rest Area	Proposed Pedestrian Connection	Busway Access
	Proposed Trail Connection	Existing Pedestrian Path
	Existing Trail	Existing Street Truck
	Access/Local Open Space	Existing Street Truck
	Proposed	Proposed Street Truck



**CONCEPTUAL CORRIDOR AMENITIES**  
Wayfinding Signage Package



**PROTOTYPICAL SKETCH**  
Campbellsburg Community Trailhead

 **SALTILLO and CAMPBELLSBURG, IN**  
MONON SOUTH TRAIL

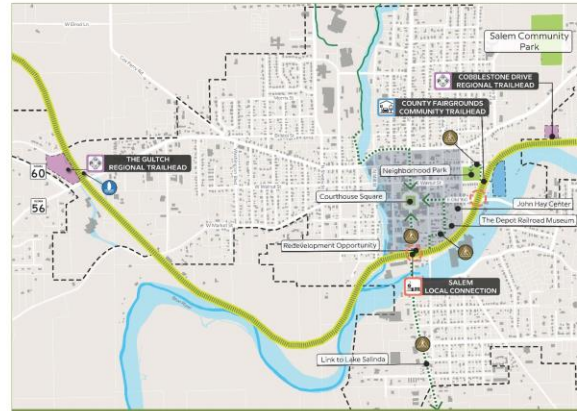
   



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## LOCATION MAP

Monon South Greenway  
Salem Segment

### LEGEND - COMMUNITY MAP




## PROTOTYPICAL SKETCH

Salem Gulch Regional Trailhead



## PROTOTYPICAL SKETCH

Downtown connection at Main Street



**SALEM, INDIANA**  
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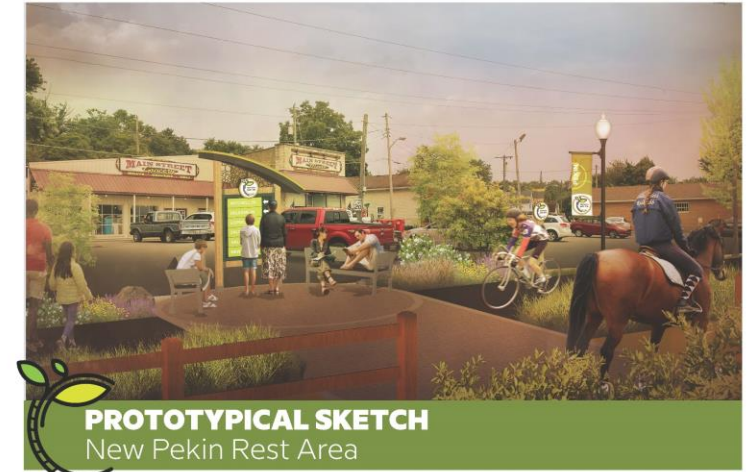
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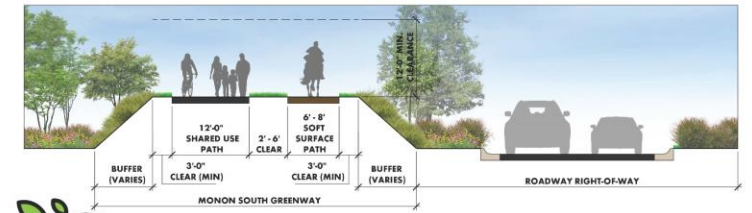
## LOCATION MAP

Monon South Greenway  
New Pekin Segment

LEGEND - COMMUNITY MAP	
Regional Trailhead	City/Town Limits
Community Trailhead	County Boundary
Local/Community Access Node	Interstate
Trail Rest Area	Proposed/Underway
	Shaded Access
	Existing Pedestrian Path
	Existing Bicycle Path
	Existing Horse Trail
	Existing Utility Trench
	Proposed Pedestrian Connection
	Proposed Bicycle Connection
	Proposed Horse Trail Connection
	Waterway
	Wetland
	Open Space
	Other



**PROTOTYPICAL SKETCH**  
New Pekin Rest Area



**PROTOTYPICAL CROSS SECTION**  
Trail with soft-surface option adjacent to roadway



**NEW PEKIN, INDIANA**  
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**LOCATION MAP**  
Monon South Greenway  
Borden Segment

**LEGEND - COMMUNITY MAP**

Regional Trailhead	City/Town Limits	Waterway
Community Trailhead	County Boundary	Public Street
Local/Connector Access Node	Proposed Pedestrian Connection	Proposed/Improvement
Trail Rest Area	Proposed Trail Connection	Shaded Access
	Existing Trail	Existing Pedestrian Path
	Public Open Space	Water & Storm Water
	Pond/Stream	Existing Utility Trench



**PROTOTYPICAL SKETCH**  
Downtown Borden Monon Promenade



**CONCEPT SITE PLAN**  
Borden Regional Trailhead



**BORDEN, INDIANA**  
MONON SOUTH TRAIL



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- Began to explore character and branding opportunities for the new trail.



TRAILHEAD MONUMENT

DIRECTORY KIOSK



DIRECTIONAL PANEL

TRAIL ID SIGN

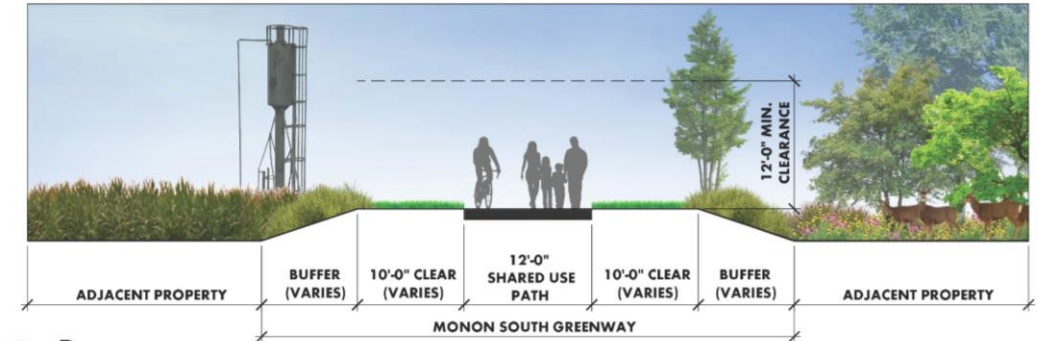
TRAIL GUIDE/ MILE MARKER

INTERPRETIVE SIGN

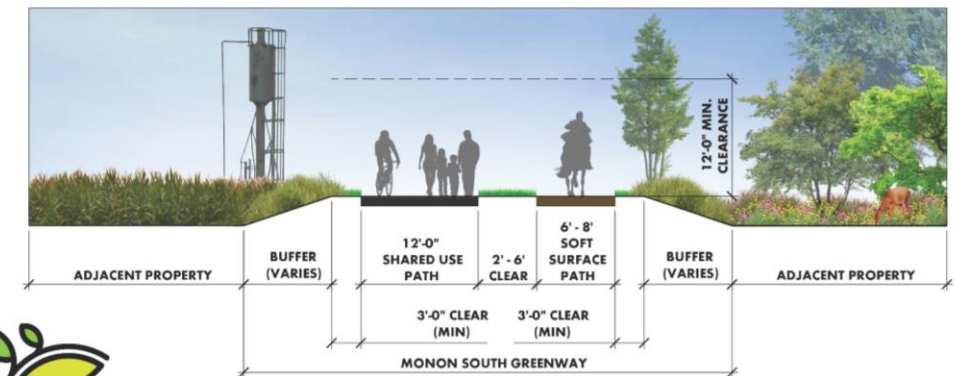


# Public Engagement Strategy... Community Workshops- June

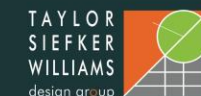
- These first meetings will focus on **physical infrastructure** in the **urbanized areas**.
- May include **trail pavements**, edging, and other details specific to the physical design of the trail surface.
- These workshops will be occurring in June in the local communities.
- Later Community Workshops will focus on **community-specific design issues**, overall character standards, and ancillary standards for the entire corridor.



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# ENGAGE WITH US

## Monon South Trail



Website



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### SOUTHERN INDIANA TRAILWAYS - Project Information

WEBSITE

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### MONON SOUTH TRAIL WEBSITE - Future Trail Info.

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# ADDITIONAL PROJECT RESOURCES



Andrea Irland



## Additional Resources... National Park Service

- Project received support from the National Park Service.
- Will assist in the public engagement discussions with a specific focus on how communities may interact, engage, and activate the trail.
- Will include conveying the many potential benefits of the trail for the communities and region.
- How can communities be engaged in supporting future activation and stewardship of the trail (i.e. creation of a “Friends of the Monon South Trail” group).





# OPEN HOUSE INSTRUCTIONS

Ron L. Taylor, FASLA



# Open House Instructions...

- **Tonight we transition from VISION to IMPLEMENTATION!**
- Review the vision boards and refresh your memory on the original expectations identified in the Vision Sketchbook.
- Talk to project representatives about your thoughts on the project.
- Participate in the exercise boards to provide some initial guidance to the project team.
- Share your thoughts on the comment cards.
- **WE WANT YOUR INPUT THIS EVENING!!!**





# NEXT STEPS

Ryan Hughes, PE- Program Manager

ClarkDietz



# Next Steps

- **COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS:**
  - June 21-22, 2023, 1:00-5:00 (Tentative)
  - June 28-29, 2023, 1:00-5:00 (Tentative)
- Check out the project website.
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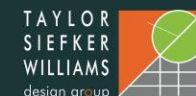
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